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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Wrong Again

SO McCarthy sees red again. Does a Senate investigating sub-committee meeting ever pass without McCarthy seeing "red"—usually diabolical fiends seeking to undermine and overthrow the American Government? But this time the "red" that the Senator saw was his anger over the British decision to ease restrictions on trade with the Communist bloc. The McCarthy version was: "our great ally, England is giving items which we, the American people say are strategic raw materials." Of all the hollow, tub-thumping nonsense this individual has ever uttered this statement struck an all-time low. Last week the Board of Trade announced that the export of rubber, certain types of stripped copper as well as a number of other items from Britain to Russia and Eastern Europe would be freed from all restrictions. It was subsequently revealed that this was not a decision of the "Co-ordinating Committee" on East-West trade which is at present meeting in Paris to decide what goods will be removed from the strategic list following the US-British-French decision in March to allow wider trade with the Communist countries. It was in the words of a Board of Trade spokesman: "an administrative tidying-up in the Board's regulations." Further, the spokesman said: "the lifting of controls was not because of any feeling that Russia should get more rubber but because the Kremlin was getting whatever rubber it wanted from other world sources." In fact, so jubilant was the Singapore Rubber Market over the decision that the following day the market price improved by a whole one-eighth of a Malayan cent! An official of the Rubber Trade Association said the Board of Trade's gesture would hardly have any long-term effect on the market as it would make little if any difference to Malayan rubber sales.

SIMILARLY with the copper products, released for export to Iron Curtain countries last Thursday, the Board of Trade has said these goods were never included in the scheduled list of strategic copper goods and had previously been licensed only because of short domestic supply. In the past when supplies were good, licences were granted. It is perhaps useless to tell the Senator from Wisconsin that he should pay more attention to the facts given by his own American Government officials—he can disregard British facts since they are obviously tainted and biased! The Foreign Operations Administrator, Mr Harold Stassen, who incidentally was a party to the March decision to remove certain categories of goods from the embargoed list, has described strategic goods as "an item that has direct or significant value in military and nuclear power, an item which is advanced technologically and therefore has a certain technological significance in relationship to the trade in materials in which there is a critical deficiency inside the Soviet." In the first place, then, rubber is not in short supply in Russia; in the second place, the copper products "released" by the Board of Trade were never on the strategic list. Senator McCarthy's views on the easing of East-West trade are still obscure but in the words of Mr Stassen: "Increased East-West trade might improve the prospects for world peace." It is to be hoped, deeply and sincerely, that the Senator might confine his remarks in future to subjects of which he has some knowledge. But that would be tantamount to abandoning his political career.

## Chou Promises No Interference In Korea's Internal Affairs

Geneva, May 1.

Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Premier and Foreign Minister, told the Geneva conference today China was willing to join other states in undertaking not to interfere in Korea's internal affairs.

After replying to the charges he made in his first speech to the conference last week that the United States unleashed "its war of armed intervention against Korea," Mr Chou said the United Nations was placed in the position of a belligerent in the Korea war. It was thus disqualified to deal with the Korean question.

Mr Chou complained that the People's Republic of China was still excluded from the United Nations while elements of the Kuomintang (Nationalist) régime were still members. He said the United Nations was thus in a position to pose as the representatives of the Chinese people.

"All this has seriously impaired the prestige of the United Nations and has made it lose the moral authority to deal with the Korean question and other questions of Asia," Mr Chou declared.

Mr Chou dealt at length with the alleged forcible detention of more than 48,000 Korean and Chinese prisoners by the United States and South Korea and made three proposals to settle the problem. These were:

1. Measures to ensure the return to their motherlands of those Korean and Chinese captured personnel who were forcibly retained in June 1953 and January 1954 and were imprisoned in the army.
2. That a commission composed of representatives of the United States, Britain, France,



CHOU EN-LAI

Communist China, Russia and North and South Korea be set up to assist in the carrying out of these repatriation measures.

3. Pending the handling of the prisoner of war question by this commission joint teams composed of representatives of the Red Cross societies of the two sides to the Korean armistice agreement be formed and sent to the present locations of the war prisoners for inspection.

Mr Chou accused the United States of dragging out the Korean armistice talks under the name of the United Nations and obstructing the convening of the political conference provided for by the armistice agreement.

He declared: "The United Nations is in no position to deal with the Korean question. That is why we are now holding this conference here for working out a peaceful settlement in Korea." "This conference has nothing to do with the United Nations," Mr Chou said. "The United States objected to the simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea on the ground that the United States forces were in character different from the Chinese troops."

**THE DIFFERENCE**  
"But the difference lies in that the United States armed forces came to Korea for aggressive purposes whereas the Chinese People's Volunteers came to Korea to fight aggression," Mr Chou said.

"In spite of this we still advocate the simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea. Could there be anything fairer than that?" Mr Chou said. "Under the conditions that the states concerned undertake obligation not to interfere in the internal affairs of Korea and ensure its peaceful development, Korea will be able to develop along peaceful lines."

General Nam had proposed that the states most interested in the preservation of peace in the Far East should undertake such an obligation, Mr Chou added.

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"The People's Republic of China fully endorses this proposal and is willing to join with other states concerned in ensuring the discharge of this obligation."

Mr Chou declared that Mr Nam's statement today "was filled with slanderous ravings against the governments and peoples" of Communist China, Russia, North Korea and other countries of peoples' democracy.

"His ravings like his disreputable ravings of the past were uttered for the benefit of his master who wanted him to do so. He was shameless to such an extent that he said his only complaint was not enough United States intervention and hoped for more United States intervention."

### BACKS NAM IL

Mr Chou again urged that the North Korean plan "realistically" put by General Nam "should serve as the basis for reaching an agreement at this conference."

He said General Nam had further clarified his proposals in his speech today.

Mr Chou renewed his demand that the conference deal with the prisoner of war issue. He alleged that only 10 days after signing of the Korean prisoner agreement in June 1953 the South Korean authorities with the connivance of the United States forcibly retained more than 27,000 Korean and Chinese prisoners and impressed them in the army, thus depriving them of their right to repatriation.

Despite a statement by General Mark Clark, then United Nations Commander, that the United Nations Command was "continuing its efforts to recover the prisoners of war who have escaped," Mr Chou declared not a single man had been recovered.

After the armistice agreement, Mr Chou said, the United States side used force and threat of force to hand over more than 21,000 Korean and Chinese prisoners in their custody to the South Korean Government and the Chiang Kai-shek remnant clique, which impressed them in their armies. This was a serious violation of the Geneva convention and the Korean armistice agreements.—Reuter.

### VIETMINH DELEGATION

Geneva, May 3.

The Vietnam delegation to the Indo-China peace talks will arrive here by air from East Berlin tomorrow, reliable sources said here tonight.—Reuter.

Berlin, May 3.

The Vietnam delegation invited to Geneva arrived in East Berlin today.

The Communist delegation was headed by Phan Van Dong, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

He was accompanied by Phan Anh, Economics Minister, and other advisers.—Reuter.

### TO START SOON

Geneva, May 3.

A French spokesman said tonight that during the tea break at this afternoon's conference session on Korea Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Bidault, acting for the Big Three Western powers, had agreed that the Indo-China peace talks should start "as soon as possible."

Preparations were now being made in the Palace of Nations, European headquarters of the United Nations here, to start talks in a different room from that in which the delegates were discussing Korea.—Reuter.

Cambridge, Mass., May 3.

Professor Ernest Hooton, one of the world's leading anthropologists, died tonight at his home. He was 67.—Reuter.

## HK EXHIBITS AT THE BIF

### BETTER THAN EVER

### Brisk First Day Of Enquiries

### BUYERS IMPRESSED BY HIGH QUALITY

#### Our Own Correspondent

London, May 3.

The first trade enquiry was booked on the Hongkong stand within two minutes of the opening of the British Industries Fair at Earl's Court this morning.

It came from a German businessman who is interested in importing cotton textile goods and silks from Hongkong.

By the lunch time lull, 40 more enquiries had been recorded—a rate of one every six minutes. They covered practically the whole range of goods on display.

About half the enquiries came from British importers of textiles and light manufactured goods. Others were from the United States, Holland, India, Iraq, Cyprus, Trinidad, South Africa, Italy, New Zealand, Rhodesia and the Gold Coast.

Made-up clothing headed the list of goods most in demand, but there were also enquiries from buyers wishing to be put in touch with manufacturers of luggage and leather goods, umbrellas, torch cases and bulbs, jewellery, basketware, enamelware, camphor wood chests and carved furniture, office equipment, vacuum flasks, spices and foodstuffs.

Buyers have been favourably impressed by the quality of the goods that go to make up this year's exhibition of the Colony's light manufactures.

Indeed, the most striking difference between this and previous displays at the BIF is the remarkable improvement that has been achieved in the quality and presentation of goods on show.

Unlike most exhibitors in the Commonwealth Section of the Fair, Hongkong is here to sell and its stand is, therefore, somewhat less pleasing to the eye than those of the dominions and colonies whose exhibits consist of a few exotic products displayed in modernistic settings.

But the organisers, both here and in Hongkong, have gained much experience over the past six years and they have now achieved a much better balance between "prestige display" and the "shop window."

This is partly due to improvement in the general layout of goods, but chief credit goes to the manufacturers themselves. The goods they have sent for display are still judged by the British standards, but with one or two exceptions they are not London "cheap."

**OUTSTANDING**  
Outstanding among this year's exhibits is a display of luggage and leather goods which occupies the central position on the stand. These goods attracted considerable attention at the recent Seattle Trade Fair, and judging by the interest taken in them today by British and overseas buyers, they will do equally well here.

The organisers have dealt a shrewd blow to the Colony's critics in Britain by making a separate display of knitted gloves. As to quality, the gloves speak for themselves, but in case of doubt about their origin, helpers on the stand have been armed with detailed information which should disabuse even the most sceptical buyer's mind of any wrong impression he might have gained from certain quarters in this country.

**NEW EXHIBITS**  
Exhibits new to the British Industries Fair include a small, beautifully finished office safe by the Ying Kee Safe Company, electric clocks by the Chiao Hwa Company, power-ware by the Jade Store, pressure cookers by the Ting Tai Metalware Factory, and brass and chromium fittings by the Choy Lee Lung Metal Company.

These and other goods here for the first time are evidence of the constantly growing range of the Colony's manufacturing industry. Members of the official BIF delegation are Col J. D. Clague, Mr Henry S. Fung, Mr Herbert M. Sung, Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite, Mr Charles D. Elias and Mr R. Tang.

There are also a number of other visitors from Hongkong attending the fair, and apart from those and the staff of the Hongkong Government's London Office under Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, the Director, a number of residents and ex-residents of the Colony are helping on the stand. This morning they included Mr Charles Terry, who is in Britain on holiday, Mr Barry Parks, Mr Fred Courtney and Mr W. Daniels.

Tomorrow, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret will visit Earl's Court. They will be accompanied by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thompson.

## HK EXHIBITS AT THE BIF



## Narriman Weds Young Physician

Cairo, May 3.

Ex-Queen Narriman of Egypt was married to Dr Adham El Nakhb at a simple Moslem religious ceremony today in her home in Heliopolis ancient city of Sun worship near Cairo.

Dr Nakhb is the son of Dr Ahmed El Nakhb, former director of an Alexandria hospital who was recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for corruption.

Dr Nakhb, who is 27, went to Cambridge and his father was one of ex-King Farouk's personal physicians.

Ex-Queen Narriman is 20. Ex-Queen Farouk, who divorced Farouk in February after three years of marriage, said then she would never marry again.

The conditions of the divorce were the abandonment of her claim for alimony and her claim to her son, Ahmad Fuad, now with the ex-King.

Ex-Queen Narriman married Farouk in May 1951 but spent only 14 months in the Egyptian court before her husband was forced to abdicate.

After eight months in exile she left Farouk to return to Cairo in March last year.—Reuter.



Two delightful pictures of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, taken at Malta recently when the royal children enjoyed a private picnic with their great-uncle and great-aunt, Lord and Lady Mountbatten. Top shows the children happily paddling in warm water pools, and above, Princess Anne carefully tests the temperature of the water.—London Express photos.

## Labour "Whips" Resign

London, May 3.

Three "whips" leaders of the Opposition Party in the House of Commons, handed in their resignations today.

They were Charles Royle, John Taylor and Kenneth Robinson, who had disobeyed instructions from the Labour Party leadership by voting in favour of a motion sponsored by the left-winger, Mr Aneurin Bevan, giving Parliament the right to veto the production of the hydrogen bomb.

As a result they were called on to explain their insubordination to the Party. Since going against Party directives generally involves heavy penalties, they chose to resign instead.—France-Press.

## Red Employees Arrested

Berlin, May 3.

Twelve high-ranking employees of the Railway Ministry in the Soviet Zone were arrested last week by State Security Services, the investigation committee of West Berlin Free Jurists reported here today.

They included the head of the Traffic Division. The report added that these arrests were related to the present transport crisis in East Germany.—France-Press.

## Minister Sacked

Moscow, May 3.

The Armenian Minister of the Interior, M. Grigori Martirov, was today relieved of his duties by the President of the Supreme Soviet of Armenia.

He has been replaced by M. Petikyan.—France-Press.

## Another Strong Earthquake

Athens, May 3. In the islands of the Dodecanese, a strong earthquake again about 200 miles southeast of shook Greek soil this afternoon Athens.—France-Press.

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## Free Ticket For The Rest Of His Life

Tarragona, Spain, May 3.  
A boy born on a bus between Tarragona and La Canonja will be allowed to travel free on the company's vehicles for the rest of his life.  
The firm informed Señora de Aguilar of this decision a few days after her son was born while she was on her way from her home town of La Canonja to a Tarragona maternity home. — China Mail Special.

## Australia Urged To Recognise Red China

Canberra, May 3.  
Professor C. P. Fitzgerald, Reader in Far Eastern Affairs at the Australian National University, said in a public statement today Australia should recognise Red China immediately.

"The excuse previously offered for non-recognition of that political entity — has passed," he said. "China has shown her peaceful intentions by making major concessions in the Korean peace talks and the way is now open for Australia and America to make some gesture toward China which would ease world tension."

Professor Fitzgerald said Australia was consequently failing to conform to the policy of her Asia friends — India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia — on the question, "and by so doing Australia's policy of friendship with those nations is frustrated and ineffective."

"If Australia shifted ground because the excuse of expediency had disappeared and withheld recognition as a matter of principle, it would create an undesirable impression both at home and abroad," he said.

"Admission of Red China into the United Nations would in no way weaken the U.N. as the Western democracies have a majority in both the Security Council and the General Assembly. Besides, they also are protected by the veto."

Professors Fitzgerald recently gained publicity when he was one of four people who signed a statement criticising the Australian government's policy in regard to Indo-China — United Press.

## To Follow Return Of Mr Dulles From Geneva Talks

### "MAY BE AGONISING"

Washington, May 4.  
The United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, returns to Washington today (Tuesday) for a reappraisal of United States Indo-China policy which may well be "agonising."

Significantly one of the first of Mr Dulles's Washington engagements will be a secret meeting with the leaders of both parties in Congress, probably on Thursday.

There has been considerable concern in Congressional circles at:

1. The deterioration of the French position at Dien Bien Phu.
2. Reports of differences at the Geneva conference, and
3. Mr Dulles's apparent failure to obtain an immediate agreement upon united action to prevent a French defeat in Indo-China.

The United States is committed to the view that the loss of Indo-China by whatever means, political or military, would endanger all Southeast Asia and thus threaten the United States defence system in the Pacific.

So far as the Republican leaders in Congress are concerned there is no tendency to criticise Mr Dulles personally for his failure to achieve a stronger anti-Communist front at Geneva. There are no demands, either by Republicans or Democrats, for Mr Dulles's resignation.

A State Department spokesman over the weekend categorically denied an isolated press report regarding such a possibility and reaffirmed President Eisenhower's identity of views with Mr Dulles.

The tendency in Congress is to criticise Britain with varying degrees of severity for having turned down Mr Dulles's request for united action to save Indo-China before the Geneva conference opened.

## US Officials Surprised

Washington, May 3.  
Usually reliable sources indicated today that the Under-Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, would, if necessary, call Australia and New Zealand into consultation at Geneva under Article 3 of the ANZUS Pact.

They pointed out that, until his departure for Geneva, Mr Smith had been in the closest contact with the Australian Ambassador, Sir Percy Spender, and had seen the New Zealand Ambassador, Mr Leslie Knox Munro. The sources said high United States officials were surprised that Australia and New Zealand should have waited for British policy on Indo-China and then followed it, despite the fact that the security of these two countries would be directly affected by the loss of that area.

They pointed out that it was Australia and New Zealand that requested the formation of the ANZUS Pact to aid their security in Asia, but now the United States had to take the initiative in consultation under this pact.

The sources said that, while United States officials realised the close ties these two countries had with Britain, they felt the former should be a better judge of security problems affecting them in Southeast Asia than Britain.

They understood that when the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, returns to Washington there was likely to be a second effort to form the Pacific Alliance Treaty Organisation (PATO) at once.

They said if Dien Bien Phu should have fallen by that time, it would be more difficult to plan how PATO should act than if it had been formed earlier.

However, they said, the U.S. administration would expect Australia and New Zealand to enter without further delay into PATO, especially in view of the fact that both nations have declared their willingness to discuss formation of the pact.

The sources said if Australia and New Zealand were willing to join PATO then it would scarcely be conceivable that Britain would continue to pursue a policy of wait and see while many officials here feel as if they had adopted at Munich.



## An Unwelcome Guest at London's Open-Air Art Show

## It Was Bright, Dull, Sunny, Windy: Then Came The Rain

London, May 3.

England's weather was the most versatile exhibitor at today's opening of an open-air art display organised by the London County Council at the Thames-side Gardens.

It was bright. It was dull. It was sunny. It was cloudy. The wind blew down make-shift canvas coverings draped over and around pictures. And then came the slow monotonous interminable drizzle.

For many artists who had been there since last night to ensure an advantageous "pitch" for their exhibits, this was too much.

They covered their pictures with tarpaulins and gave up. Those who remained sat huddled on park benches under raincoats and duffle coats.

Passers by hurried through the gardens under dripping trees and city workers, who in sunshine would swarm in hundreds during their lunch hour, ate their sandwiches in-doors.

But some brave spirits did linger in the rain in the cause of art. One asked Coque Martinez why his brightly coloured

## Malan Accuses UNO OF Causing Unrest

Capetown, May 3.

The Prime Minister of South Africa, Dr Daniel Malan, said in the Assembly today that he believed the United Nations organisation was "responsible for a great deal of unrest in the world today."

Discussing South Africa's membership of UNO, Dr Malan said the world organisation worked on the basis that all nations were equal and all had an equal vote.

He continued: "The fact is that there are many races in the world not ripe for self-government. But UNO made no difference between races and gave the impression to backward people they were being oppressed."

All unrest in Africa sprang from this idea of oppression, he claimed. Dr Malan said that though he did not support UNO, he acknowledged that the world must have an international organisation. — Reuters.

## No Reprieve For Condemned Author

Sacramento, Calif., May 3.

Governor Goodwin Knight today refused to reprieve or commute sentence for a condemned San Quentin prisoner, Cary Chessman, whose autobiography is being hailed by literary critics.

Chessman, 32, is scheduled to die on May 14 for 17 counts of robbery, kidnapping and attempted rape. The Los Angeles "Evening News" said that the first man sentenced to die in the gas chamber under California's "Little Lindbergh Law" — kidnapping with bodily harm.

Chessman's autobiography, "Cell 2465, Death Row," was called a "book in a class by itself." The Saturday Review said it would be surprising if a more astounding book were to be published this year. — United Press.

## Small Boy Threw Destroyer Into A Turmoil

Sydney, May 3.

A small boy, one of 1,000 visitors to the United States destroyer, Obannon, threw the ship into a turmoil today.

Wandering on the bridge in rapid succession, he sounded the general alarm calling the crew to battle stations; sounded the chemical alarm used in atomic attacks; ordered full speed on the ship's telegraph; and sounded a blast on the ship's whistle.

The officer of the deck, Lieutenant L. J. Egan, raced to the bridge, and found the boy "sending" a message on the signal lamp to the United States carrier, Taraw, moored astern. He was speedily taken ashore under escort. — China Mail Special.

## Soviet Reception

Geneva, May 3.

Mr Leonid Rychev, spokesman of the Soviet delegation at the Geneva Conference and head of the Foreign Ministry Press Service, will give a reception for foreign journalists tonight at the Metropole Hotel where the Soviet delegation is staying.

This is the first official reception organised by the Soviet delegation since the opening of the Conference, with the exception of the luncheon or dinner offered by Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov to some of his colleagues. — France Press.

Frenchman Dr. Alain Bombard, seen at the Royal Festival Hall, London, with a model of the dinghy, similar to that used by him when he crossed the Atlantic. He took no supplies except a sealed box of emergency rations on his voyage. This box was still sealed when he landed near Bridgetown, Barbados. Dr Bombard had proved his point: that man can live off the sea. His crossing had taken sixty-five days and during that time he had consumed enough food and water from the Atlantic to keep himself, not only alive, but in reasonably good health. Dr Bombard gave a lecture at the Royal Festival Hall on his experiment. — Express Photo.

## "Put Your Guns On The Table"

Says "Two-Gun" Cohen

Geneva, May 3.

General Morris "two gun" Cohen, one-time bodyguard to Sun Yat-sen, said today that the only way to settle disputes is to "go straight to the guys and put the guns on the table."

The 67-year-old soldier of fortune from Manchester, England, who was a close aide of Sun in the 1925 Chinese revolution, said he had come to Geneva to meet some old friends of his China days. He was sceptical that the conference would settle anything.

"Conferences are only propaganda platforms," he said. "The only way to settle a dispute is to go straight to the guys and put the guns on the table. I believe the Communists want to enjoy life as much as we do. It just needs someone to get the top guys together and let them know the way to go about it. If some guys don't like it that way, let them have it."

The tough talking Cohen said he knew Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai from "way back" and was trying to call on him here. His chief purpose, Cohen said, was to give Chou a copy of his autobiography ("Two Gun Cohen") for presentation to Madame Sun Yat-sen, now a fervent supporter of the Chinese Communists in Peking.

"I want Madame Sun Yat-sen to have a copy," Cohen said. — United Press.

## The Queen Unveils A Memorial To Commonwealth Airmen

Queen Elizabeth today unveiled the Commonwealth air forces memorial, a 50-foot marble column topped by an eagle while RAF and RAAF guards flanked the plinth.

Standard bearers, their banners whipping in the summer breeze, formed a striking frame for the ceremony.

The Queen later laid a wreath and inspected plaques where 2,801 Commonwealth men are commemorated. The plenary sessions of Valletta were packed with people and banners streamed over the city. During a silence of two minutes a lone aircraft flew over unaccompanied. Some 14,000 school children were assembled to see the Queen as she drove past after the ceremony. Their representatives presented her with a horse tail from Prince Charles and a doll for Princess Anne.

### MESSAGE OF HOPE

At the memorial the Queen said: "Most of you will inevitably be turning your minds back to the past, remembering the sacrifices that have been made. But you, I would give this message of hope — I am sure that all our feelings and the same integrity of purpose and same resolution in fulfilling it as was shown by them in war. I am sure you will be able to extract from the dark and desperate difficulties which still beset us a victory no less glorious than that which we commemorated here today."

Both the Queen and the Duke placed a wreath on the memorial. They were followed by Sir Gerald Cressy, Lord Alton and Dudley, Vice-Chairman of the Air, and service chiefs and representatives of the Commonwealth air forces.

### UN Talks End

## More East-West Trade This Year Predicted

Geneva, May 3.

Increased East-West trade can be expected in the next 12 months, the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, Mr Gunnar Myrdal said today.

He said this after the ending today of the secret East-West trade talks which began on April 20. During the course of the talks there were 133 bilateral meetings between experts from 25 East and West European countries.

"It would appear reasonable to expect an increase in trade during the next 12 months and also developments which will permit this trade to continue to expand and to become more stable in the longer run," Mr Myrdal said.

The principal feature and accomplishment of the talks has been that in the multilateral and bilateral discussions the trade experts examined concrete possibilities of increasing and stabilising East-West trade by improvements in the structural organisation of their commercial and payments relation, Mr Myrdal said.

"I believe the results of the consultation might be summarised by saying:

1. that the second consultation has been useful in helping Governments to overcome certain important obstacles to an increase in their trade;
2. that preliminary examination of this consultation of structural problems in East-West trade should be followed by further consideration of these problems;
3. that a third consultation along similar lines to help promote an increase of East-West trade in 1955/56 should be convened at an appropriate date; and
4. that experts will inform the ECE Executive Secretary at certain dates of the results of negotiations subsequent to this year's consultation."

During the discussions trade difficulties and opportunities emerged which were considered in subsequent bilateral talks, particularly in regard to the availability of certain goods for export or import, the improvement of clearing account balances, prices, the granting of export and import licences, longer term trade and payments agreements and multilateral arrangements, Mr Myrdal said.

### REDUCE INSTABILITY

The experts confirmed or amended or added to the lists of commodities prepared at the first East-West trade meeting in April of last year and also took into account the work in this connection which had been done in the ECE operational committees particularly as regards timber, building materials, transport equipment and coal and steel.

Mr Myrdal added: "Consideration was given to efforts to stabilise East-West trade. If possible by lengthening the periods covered by trade and payments agreements and arrangements which would reduce the instability and discontinuity in trading relationships caused by the fact that with few exceptions East-West trade is at present organised on the basis of short term agreements negotiated on an annual basis."

"It was generally recognised that the present predominantly bilateral payments arrangements in East-West trade are a rather narrow and primitive system likely to exercise a restraining and distorting influence on the further development of this trade and it appeared desirable to develop, as she drove past after the ceremony, their representatives presented her with a horse tail from Prince Charles and a doll for Princess Anne."

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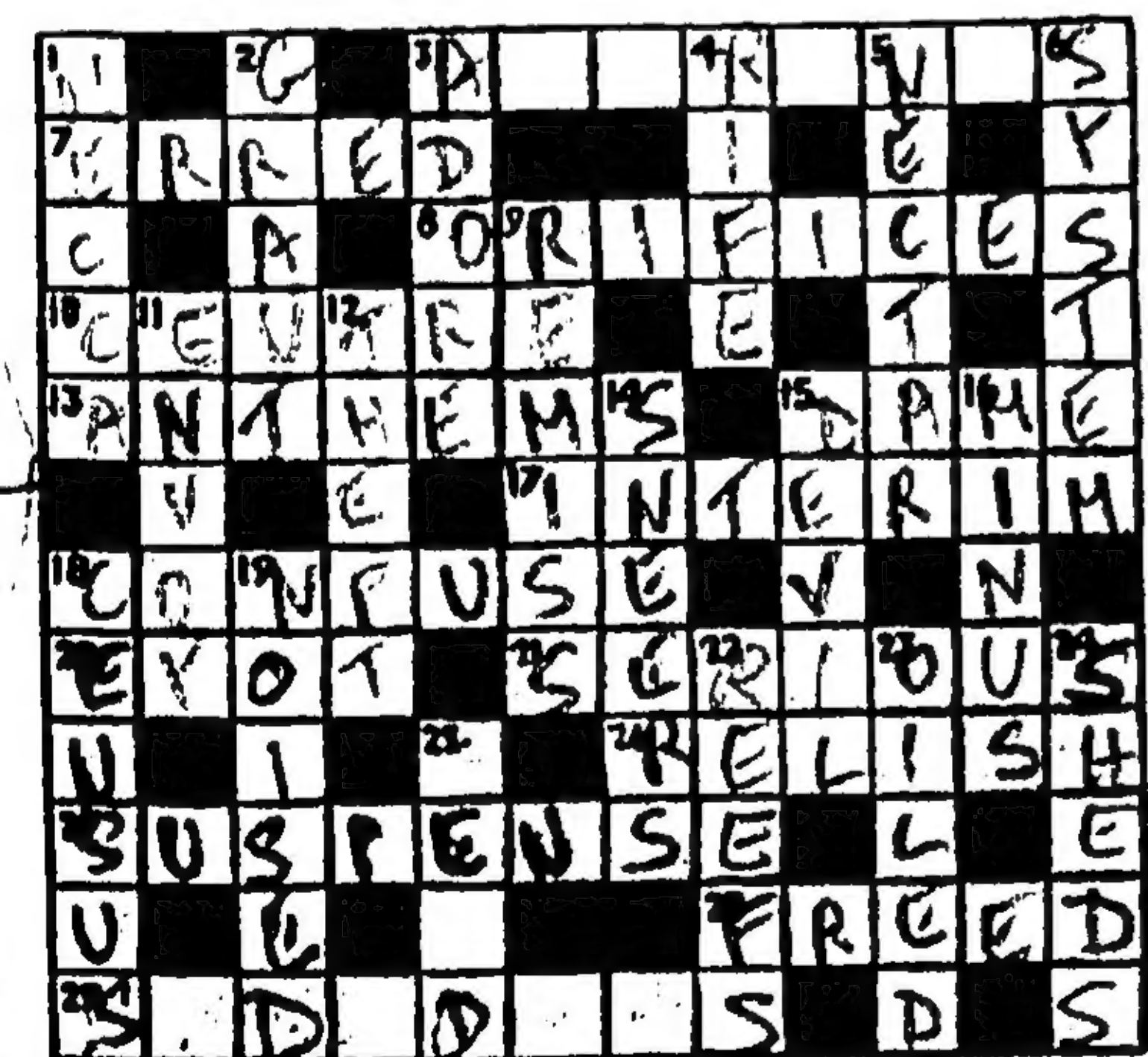
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Insults openly (8).
- 7 Went astray (8).
- 8 Openings (6).
- 10 Middle (6).
- 13 Songs of praise (7).
- 15 Lady (4).
- 17 Meanwhile (7).
- 18 Middle (7).
- 20 Islet (6).
- 21 Grave (7).
- 22 Enjoy (6).
- 27 State of uncertainty (8).
- 28 Liberated (5).
- 29 Diligent (8).

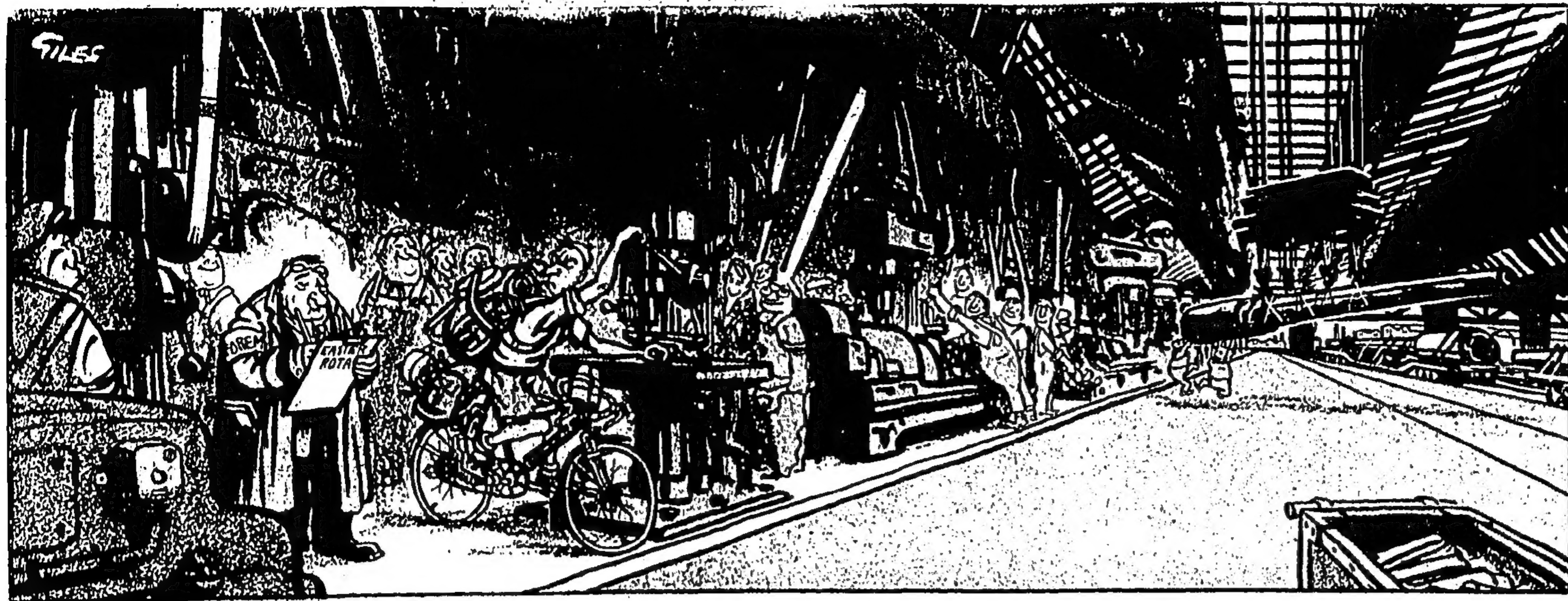
### DOWN

- 1 Place of pilgrimage (6).
- 2 Conceal (6).
- 3 Worship (6).
- 4 Proliferate (4).
- 5 Delicious drink (6).
- 6 Method (6).
- 9 Negligent (6).
- 11 Ambassador (6).
- 12 Burglary (6).
- 14 Shows contempt (6).
- 16 Evil spirit (6).
- 18 Less (6).
- 19 Official enumeration (6).
- 20 Spread abroad (6).
- 21 Chains of rocks (6).
- 22 Lubricated (6).
- 23 Outhouses (6).
- 25 Tumbled over (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Deduct, 5 Witty, 9 Organ, 10 Stone, 11 Abuse, 12 Save, 13 Arrow, 14 Mering, 15 Wessel, 20 Naval, 21 Pine, 22 Sleet, 23 Spite, 24 Divine, 25 Ether, 26 Pear, 27 Season, Down: 1 Division, 2 Dik, 3 Aways, 4 Trouble, 5 Wessall, 6 Infern, 7 Tango, 8 Solids, 9 Nineteen, 10 Mallet, 11 Recedes, 12 Easter, 13 Amp, 14 Tire.

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"Sorry, hum—overtime. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday."

## You've Heard Nothing Yet! HAVE YOU HEARD THE DANES?

By James White

Copenhagen. Few who know the Danes only as purveyors of bacon, butter and eggs, or even those who have visited their country, would regard them as a colourful people. Yet the expressions they use in their daily life verge on the exotic—and certainly put the Americans in the shade. A day in the life of Jens Hansen, for instance, shows that his first appointment of the morning was a "cod party"—to explain his income tax returns to the authorities.

Jens was not in good spirits. The previous evening he'd had a "family mob" to dinner, and his in-laws (he usually calls them "the hunchbacks") had referred to him as a "butcher's mannequin." True, he did weigh 15 st 2, but, then, that was no "traffic block" by Danish standards. "Families are best when they hang on the wall," he muttered to himself. His sister-in-law was the exception. She was a real "charm sprite."

### First, Food

Now, however, Jens had a tiresome morning ahead and if ever he felt like getting "convivially drenched" it was now.

But first, food. Should he go to the "Cannibal Kitchen" (as a "bachelor of garbage" he had access to the University canteen) or should he go to "the House of Schnapps" (what a good thing it was they didn't abolish parliament's restaurant when they abolished the Upper House, he thought).

No, he'd go to one of the small places in the "Mindefield" district. Here the resident "plano boxer," "on the bucket" as usual, was trying to borrow "nails" from a faded "bar fly." Like many another, his motto was "money doesn't smell."

So hungry that "his big triceps were on the verge of eating their smaller neighbours," Jens decided to "inhale a steak." From the thickness of the bread that went with it he decided that it must be "Dobblin's birthday."

### Tall Stories

Over in the corner that "dusky jockey" Olsen was telling his usual tall stories and playing "King Carrot" to impress the "cigars." Today Olsen really had "got roast on his fork." There were always plenty of

"pin-uppers" here to "attract the hussars" but today Olsen had found a really "dainty joint."

Having eaten Jens decided to visit one of the "carbuncles" beside the harbour for a "hand beer," drunk from the bottle.

Here there was "beard and ballad," for a "bulwark sailor" had just given someone a "Danish kiss," using his head as a battering ram against his victim's face. The "pansers" had just arrived and were leading the sailor to the "salad-bowl" drawn up at the kerb. Soon he'd be "behind Swedish curtains" for a few months.

"I've been 'rolled,'" howled the victim, searching vainly for his "drawing-boy." "There was a 'hundred peck' in it too." Jens decided to go elsewhere, but as he stepped into the street a "swayer almost knocked him down, 'Fumble walker,' yelled the messenger boy as he pedalled away.

After this shock Jens felt that nothing less than a "double-walled whisky" could help him. "Too much soda gives you waterlilies in the tummy," he explained to all and sundry. After the first gulp he sighed loudly and declared that he had "heard angels sing."

Jens looked at his watch. The time was "many." There was "rag steak" and "poultice pudding" for dinner and his "watch" would be keeping it hot for him. He'd better "hit the wire" and tell her he'd "fallen in" and wouldn't be home. "If you've got a good home you shouldn't overrun it," was his motto. He took out his "psalter," extracted a "patch" and paid.

### What a day!

Now for the "Old People's home!" No, "for Satan," he thought, the doorman at that particular night club would be sure to say: "That gentleman is 'tired,' we can't let him in."

Ah, well, he sighed, he wanted to feel "feathers on his tummy" now anyway. And there was sure to be "smoke in the kitchen" before he got to bed. His wife didn't approve of his "drinking lunch all day" and there was always "a ballad out of the other world" when he got home late.

What a day it had been! Thank goodness there were only four "devil's birthdays" in a year. How he hated quarter days! When he left home he had had two "ploughmen" in his "pocket boy," now he had hardly a "shudder" left. Already he had a headache and he didn't think of the "ear-piercing" he would have in the morning as a result of all the "somersault water" he had drunk.

So much for Jens Hansen. As I said, I doubt very much whether even Jo Doakes could beat his phraseology!

# RUSSIA, NOT AMERICA, STARTED THE COLD WAR

By Beverley Baxter, MP



Everybody's idea of the diplomat ideal — Anthony Eden, the man of the moment at Geneva.

WHEN Anthony Eden went to the Berlin Conference he still looked thin and rather tired. When he returned from that abortive conference he looked better than he has done since his illness forced him to go to America for treatment.

And in the interval he has grown more robust in body and in spirit. As for

his clothes they have almost resumed that Tailor's Model effect which was for so long a reproach and a challenge to the rest of us.

At first we hoped that this rejuvenation was the result of some secret understanding reached in Berlin. But if that were so, why did he say on his return: "For those of us who took part in the conference it was frustrating, disappointing

and, at times, near tragedy. But we did agree to call a Far East Conference on Korea and we also agreed to discuss the war in Indo-China."

Now that another international conference is sitting in Geneva, it is important that we should try to gauge the situation in Europe—for Europe still holds the key to world peace or world war.

Why do the nations so furiously rage together? Those words were spoken when the world was young, but they have been bitterly topical in the world of our time. It is something that the Foreign Ministers of Russia, Britain, America and France can sit down and talk together like civilised beings.

Plan—was one of the great moments in history and will eventually give to Truman the glory that his own people so strangely deny him now.

By a grim coincidence it was our friend Molotov who rejected Marshall Aid not only for Russia but for the satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain. Let me repeat that the American offer had no political clauses. But Communism can only see in the dark and dare not let in the light from the West.

### Bear Growl

TRAGIC little Czechoslovakia with its close ties with the free world reached out its hands for American aid but the Russian bear growled and the offer was refused. It was not that the Kremlin wanted to preserve a low standard of living in the satellites. Communism, like any other political philosophy, has to aim at improving the condition of its adherents. But the first consideration must be that only Russia could be the fount to which the faithful would come.

Greco, Imperialism and safety were the guiding motives in Stalin's mind. And, not content with enslaving his satellites, he insisted upon a partitioned Germany.

In fairness let us admit that in the atmosphere of 1945-1946 it was difficult to consider the problem of Germany with calm, judicial minds. In her abject defeat she stood before the world and before history as a cruel, debased monster. For the third time in living memory she had put civilisation to the sword. Was she to be forgiven and restored so that she could plan for the final ruin of Christendom?

### Cut In Two

I CAN understand Russia's legitimate fears. Yet if Stalin had cared for the world at large and not merely for his Communist empire he would have realised that the emergence of America from isolationism to world leadership had altered the whole course of history. It was true that Germany had invaded Russia in two world wars but could it be conceived that a resurgent Germany could wage a third war against the rest of a world united and armed?

The partition of Germany was insisted upon by Stalin who refused to withdraw his occupation troops, and thus created this cancer in the centre of Europe. And in fairness let there be no pretence that the rest of us shed any tears over the spectacle of a great nation cut in two. Superficially it even looked as if there was a good deal to be said for the surgical

Yet we should have remembered that history repeats itself like a golf club here. Partitions are the very parents of wars. Thus to Berlin, grotesquely divided into two Zones, went the Foreign Secretaries in this year of grace 1954. They talked of Germany—talked and talked and talked. Yet nothing came of it but a suggestion to let the German people vote on it.

"We must hold free elections in the two German Zones," said Eden, "because the Russians and ourselves cannot agree on the meaning of these words. The Russian idea of a free election is a contest in which the decision is known before the polling booths open. Otherwise—no election." There was no bitterness in Eden's voice but neither was there any ambiguity in his words.

The Kremlin knows that in Eastern Germany, as in Bulgaria, Poland, Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, there would be an overwhelming vote for liberation from the Russian chains. Undoubtedly Western Germany would also vote for freedom although there would be, at any rate for a time, a lingering gratitude to the Western Powers which gave her a Parliament and assisted her economic recovery.

### Time Has Come

THEREFORE Germany must remain divided just as Austria must continue to be occupied by foreign troops although she could not injure the most insignificant of her neighbours.

But now the time has arrived when the Allies can no longer put off the terrible decision as to whether Germany shall be armed or not.

The very thought of it is enough to make the weak kneel from their graves. Are we Parliamentarians, holding the power to act for the nation, going to put atomic weapons, supersonic aeroplanes and the newest tanks in the hands of the Germans? Are we to watch the grandsons of the Kaiser's Germany and the sons of Hitler's murderers being armed with the newest instruments of death? History and the human conscience cry out against it.

It was with a heavy heart that I voted a year ago for the principle of West German rearmament. Now, I have voted for the actual fact and with a heart just as heavy.

But the Russians give us no alternative. Because they fear both war and peace they have unilaterally armed the East Germans.

### Two Parents

EVEN if the Russians had not done so there is a limit to the time that you can deny a defeated nation the rights enjoyed by the victors. The Treaty of Versailles, whose authors were the starry-eyed Woodrow Wilson, the too realistic Lloyd George and the revengeful Clemenceau, almost sentenced Germany to death. The victors demanded that Germany should pay full reparations but would not allow the means to earn them. It took two parents to bring a child into the world; the political parents of Adolf Hitler were the Treaty of

Versailles and the sodden brutality of the German race. If these seem harsh words they still remain the cruel truth. We cannot have an unarmed Western Zone facing an armed Eastern Zone. The Russians are responsible and they must now face the consequences of their own stupidity.

Today is the parent of tomorrow. There in the centre of Europe we shall some day see Germany a nation once again, armed, united, determined.

### No Victors

BUT there will be this difference. Germany has always made war when her victims were weak and unprepared. In Hitler war the Germans experienced the dreadful carnage and destruction of defeat, and have seen that to the victor there are no spoils.

Thus we may see an armed Europe spending its very substance in weapons of destruction yet realising that in modern warfare there are no victors but merely degrees of losers.

But after a time it may well be that before his career is ended, Anthony Eden as Prime Minister of Britain, will preside over a conference of the great powers when war will be banished from this earth.

It can only be a dream, but without dreams mankind could not face tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

## CHINESE CREEDS and CUSTOMS



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### WHEN VIC OLIVER FIRST MET CHURCHILL

## A Son-in-law With Prospects

WINSTON CHURCHILL called his new son-in-law to the study of Chartwell, his country home, cleared his throat, and said gravely:

"Well, you're a married man now. I hope you realise that you have responsibilities. What are your plans for the future?"

"I have four weeks booked at the Holborn Empire," was the reply.

"Good. What else?"

"Then I have three weeks at the Metropolitan Theatre in the Edgware Road."

"Yes, yes. Very good. Anything else?"

"There's also a week at the Palace, Chelsea."

"And then?"

"A week at the Finsbury Park Empire."

"Well, it looks as if there is plenty of work ahead of you. A great thing, work. See that you keep it up."

married his "daughter" 3,000 miles away.

From the first he had no illusions about how some people viewed his romance. C. B. Cochran in whose show he and Sarah were appearing when they met, asked him pointedly: "Do you know her father is one of the most revered men in England?"

But the couple were married after embarrassing publicity—one newspaper man asked bluntly: "Aren't you old enough to be her father?"—in New York City Hall on December 25. Two days later—while they were crossing the Atlantic came the first word from the Churchills: "Congratulations to you both. Welcome to Chartwell when you arrive in England."

At Chartwell the awestruck comedian was introduced to the Churchill family and interviewed by his father-in-law. Later he came to know him intimately.

"For me," he writes, "the music-hall comedian who became his son-in-law, Winston Churchill goes down in history not only as a great statesman, writer, and orator, but as one of the wisest men of his time, and as a humanist to whom earthly goods, and the right type of school are not the important things in life. The superlatives bestowed on him, as long as I am believed like a gentleman, so

long as he was upright and honest, and willing to work...

"That is the calibre of the man who is Churchill, and I understand the qualities in him which made him accept me."

The Churchills, says Oliver, are among the happiest families he ever encountered. The parents are enchanted with each other.

"Often across the dinner table I would see Winston smile adoringly at the wife of his father-in-law, Clementine. She delighted in his success and was utterly devoted when things went wrong for him."

Sarah joined the W.A.A.F. in 1942 and she and her husband drifted apart. They saw less and less of each other and were divorced on the grounds of desertion in 1946.

"There was no disloyalty on either side," explains Vic Oliver. "Tension was caused by our differing attitudes to show business, and up to this day I firmly believe that a marriage between two people in show business is almost bound to fail."

Vic Oliver still sends his greetings to his former father-in-law on his birthday. "I loved the man," he declares candidly. "I loved him for his simplicity, his sincerity, and his eternal habit of speaking precisely and honestly the thoughts that were in his mind."

—Alex. Kenworthy





"One of those days, eh?"

## • BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

At a meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, it was suggested that the umpire should write his decision on a slip of paper, and hand it to a deputation from the spectators.

The deputation would then read the decision to the assembled people, who would vote by secret ballot. The result would then be communicated to the umpire, in the event of an adverse vote, would suggest an alternative decision, which would, in turn, be debated and voted on. All this would hold up the game, but it would be a striking instance of democracy in action.

**Merrily we go**  
SOL HOGWASH is soon to make the first experiment with 3-D stereoscopic stereophonic stereofunctional films. Not only will the audience be surrounded by the picture, but while loudspeakers all round the auditorium, in the roof and on the floor, relay the dialogue and the sound effects appropriate to the scene, the audience will be able to see the action in waves all over the theatre. Special stereoscopic spectacles, stereophonic ear-pieces, and small-reception gadgets for users will be issued at the theatre by girls dressed as the women of Agincourt.

**Starlings and sulphur**  
Dr. STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht, in a well-

reasoned paper read to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said that the answer to the question of whether a single diamond or a doublet diamond is better for a player is to let the player choose. He said that the power stations for counter-rotation, asked by a questioner whether starlings erected buildings more rapidly than sulphur fumes, the huge replied: "The ratio is one to seven in some cases, but less or more in others, in proportion to the emotional effects in each case, having regard to the overall position prevailing at the moment or moments."

**In passing**  
Scientists now believe that they can build bombs with an explosive force of 100 million tons of T.N.T. The Hiroshima bomb, which was measured at 20,000 tons, killed 60,000 people.

**Washington spokesman** takes the "effort to use the best modern weapons," and conserve manpower in a similar way, the world would soon conserve itself into annihilation in the interests of course, of peace.

**Tail-piece**  
A CORRESPONDENT informs me that H.M. Customs (with whom I am happy to couple Exchequer) vintages put out a "wet goods for home consumption."

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 4

BORN today, you have a blunt, straightforward character which is most disarming. You seem to be the essence of simplicity, yet, underneath those still waters of your mind, runs a deep stream of originality in both thought and action. You often do what appears to others to be unexpected, just because you talk of your plans until they become a reality. You are interested in the sciences; or, if a woman, will be drawn to the stage or screen, and whether man or woman will have an uncanny faculty for being successful in taking speculative chances. You will risk everything on the outcome of one event, and usually you are right. While this may seem daring to one who may not understand your motives, actually you have thought the whole project through from beginning to end before you jump into action.

Among those who were born on this date are William H. Prescott, historian; Herace Mann, educator; Walt Mason and Richard Hovey, poets; Thomas Huxley, scientist; and Harold Hill Wright, author. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

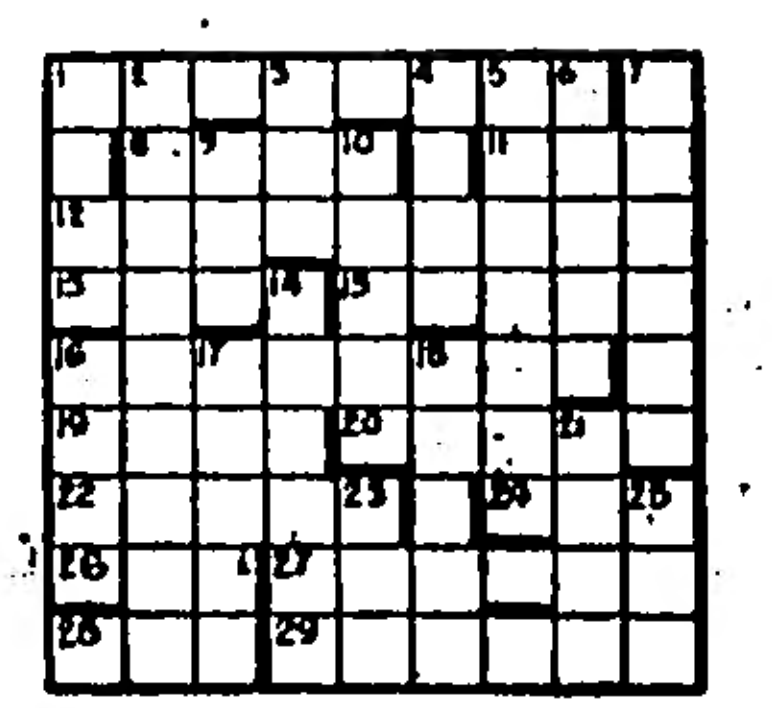
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—In making plans, be sure to be economical, to be sure, but be positive that you purchase first quality too. GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make this day an important one when it comes to making progress in your major objective. CANCER (June 21-July 21)—This is the time to hold friends you have previously made, as well as making a few new ones. LEO (July 21-Aug. 21)—Plan your work carefully so that you can get all your work done in good time for this evening's fun. VIRGO (Aug. 21-Sept. 21)—If you can "dream true," kind of, then you can lead a better hand to a friend who needs it, then do so graciously, by all means. SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21)—In youth, make real advancement today; if older, be sure that you maintain the success you have gained. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)—This may be a day when your boss

at the office will be a little more helpful, and usually you are right. While this may seem daring to one who may not understand your motives, actually you have thought the whole project through from beginning to end before you jump into action.

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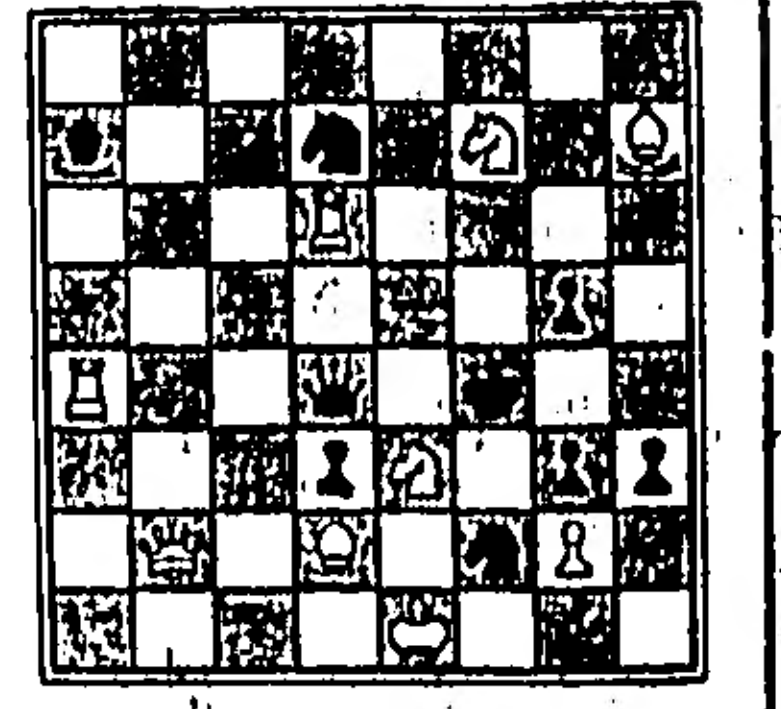
## CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Fifty-five cent mixed up with artichoke. (8)
2. If you're on it you may get told off. (5)
3. A "G" expression of surprise. (4)
4. Christopher... it's the St. Paul's man. (4)
5. Let's change for a girl. (6)
6. Hold the cell for 90 and you get a container to keep. (4)
7. One of 20 Acres seems fattened, a little. (6)
8. A little. (6)
9. Discourage a deer round the edge. (6)
10. Partner at the Guild hall? (6)
11. Part of the circle. (5)
12. Is she an artist on the beach? (6)
13. Linked with oak in weather saw. (6)
14. Half once nowadays have an innate variety. (6)
- Down
1. It has a nest in the ship. (4)
2. Rapa prove an anagram. (6)
3. Opposite was used to become. (6)
4. More than half violent—muscle. (6)
5. Sum up in a mixed fan. (7)
6. Odd how the temperamental. (6)
7. Heat of another language. (6)
8. The kind of story is headed by martians in a tale. (6)
9. A good name is damage. (6)
10. Lesson rearranged when the. (6)
11. Marks the end of the music. (6)
12. Adhere sometimes try to use this for decorative. (6)
13. If you beat. (6)
14. A word for a word. (6)
15. A word for a word. (6)
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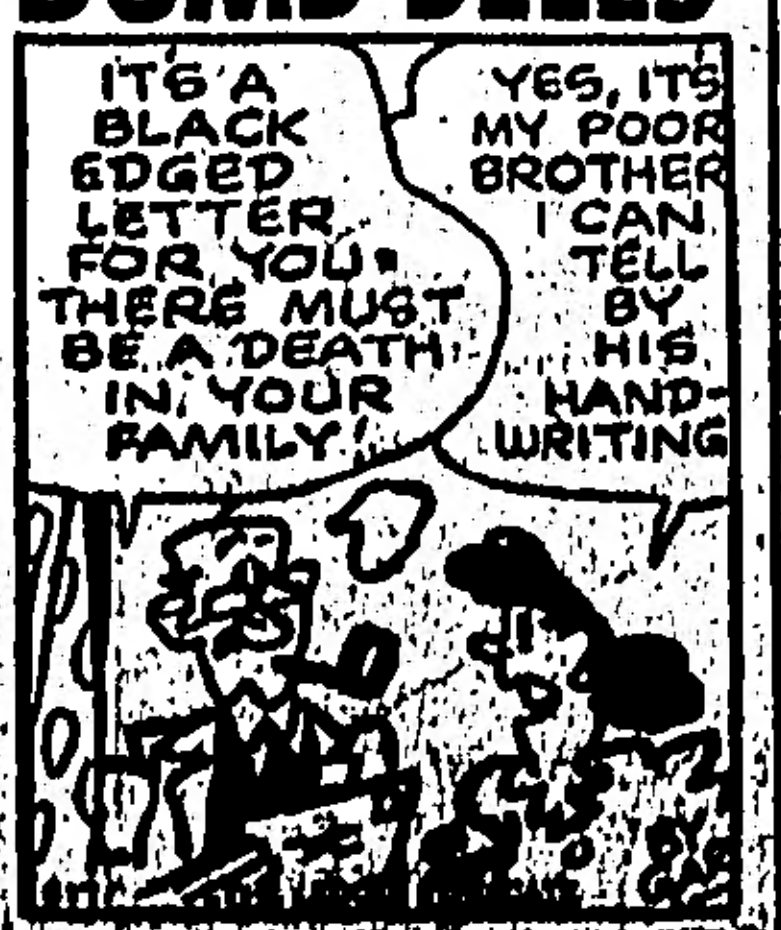
## CHESS PROBLEM

By U. LANCIA  
Black, 9 pieces



White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. B-K7; threat 2. R-K6.  
1... B-K8; 2. R-Q3; 1... R-B6; 2. R-K5 (ch); 1... R-QB6, K6, K6; 2. R-K7.

## DUMB BELLS



IT'S A BLACK EDGED LETTER FOR YOU! THESE ARE THE DUMB BELLS IN YOUR FAMILY! YES, IT'S MY POOR BROTHER I CAN TELL THESE ARE THE DUMB BELLS IN YOUR FAMILY! HAND WRITING

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Wrong Guess Will Cause Headaches

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW do you know whether your partner is leading a singleton or a doubleton? You can't always tell, and sometimes it is fatal to guess wrong.

In today's hand, played recently in Scotland, none of the players saw a way to avoid a guess. Maybe you can do better.

West opened the three of hearts, and East won with the ace. After just a little thought East correctly came to the conclusion that his partner needed the ace of diamonds to defeat the contract. Hence East returned his singleton diamond.

It was now up to West to guess whether this was a singleton or doubleton diamond. If it was a singleton, West should take the ace of diamonds at once and return the suit. If East had two diamonds, however, West should duck this trick; and East would take the first trump with the ace, return his remaining diamond, and then get a ruff.

Perhaps you ask how West could tell that his partner had the ace of trumps? West couldn't be sure, but he did know that two red aces and one ruff would not defeat the contract. So West had to hope that his partner had the ace of trumps since it was just about the only other trick that East could have.

This didn't help West decide how many diamonds his partner

NORTH 28			
♠ J98			
♥ 5			
♦ KQJ4			
♣ AK105			
WEST EAST			
♠ 10	♠ A7		
♥ J8432	♥ A10976		
♦ A1076	♦ 9		
♣ 743	♣ J8862		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ K65432			
♥ KQ			
♦ 8532			
♣ Q			
Neither side vul.			
South West North East			
Pass Pass 1 ♠			
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 4 ♠			
Pass Pass			
Opening lead—♥3			

held. When the hand was actually played West went into a brief trance and finally decided to refuse the first diamond trick. This decision was, of course, fatal. There was no further entry to the West hand, and East never got the diamond ruff. Declarer lost only three aces.

How should the defenders avoid a bad guess in this kind of situation? Remember, of course, that West cannot see his partner's hand.

East should not lead the nine of diamonds at the second trick. He should first cash the ace of spades and then lead his singleton diamond.

With the ace of spades out of the way West knows that he cannot afford to duck the first round of diamonds and wait for his partner to lead the suit again. Hence West is logically compelled to win the first diamond trick and return the suit. The contract is therefore defeated without the need for any guesswork.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 Spades	Pass		

You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-3-2, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds A-3, Clubs K-Q-J-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. At your next turn you will raise spades, thus making it clear that your intervening diamond bid was a mild slam try. This cuebid of the diamond ace may be just the information your partner needs to bid a slam with confidence.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 7-2, Hearts 8-5, Diamonds J-5-4, Clubs A-K-Q-9-6-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## WHAT'S HER LINE?

Read the story on page 11. What's her line? (Continued on page 11)

# WOMANSENSE

## PRINTED LINEN



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

PRINTED linen is a resort star and appears with effect in many late spring and summer lines. Rose printed linen is here used for a dainty dress and jacket. The frock is very new and features a fitted midriff below a cowl-draped bodice. The skirt falls in graceful flares from the curved hip yoke. The bodice narrows to very thin shoulder straps and is covered with a lined jacket made with tiny flared sleeves. It is fully flared and stands away from the body.

## Scolding Won't Cure Child's Habit Of Thumb-Sucking

By W. W. BAUER, M. D.

WATCH the first instinctive acts of a new baby, and you will see him sucking something. He sucks at the breast or the nipple; he sucks his lips and tongue, meanwhile moving his head about aimlessly, seeking for the breast. The act of sucking is, of course, how he gets food. It also plays a part in the development of his mouth. And it is an emotional satisfaction.

When the baby gets sufficient co-ordination to make his hands do what he wants them to, he starts sucking his thumb. That is when young parents begin to worry. Actually, there is nothing to worry about when a baby sucks his thumb. When a 5-year-old does it, that's another story.

### Normal Procedure

A baby who sucks his thumb is giving notice that he has not had enough opportunity to perform this important action in the normal way—at the breast, or alternately from the bottle. The remedy is simply to give him more time at the breast, or use a rubber nipple with a smaller hole. And—hold everything now—the pacifier, long condemned, is again being accepted as a legitimate toy for the very young baby within reason.

Pediatricians and psychiatrists are now agreed that thumb-sucking in the infant is a normal procedure, and nothing to worry about. No need, therefore, to splint the baby's elbows so he cannot bend them and get his thumb to his mouth. No need to

sow up his sleeves either, and no use, because he'll suck THEM if nothing better offers. You just cannot beat a normal instinct. It's futile and foolish to try. Merely give the baby all the normal sucking opportunity he needs and be nonchalant about any thumb-sucking at that age.

Most important, give the baby plenty of loving. The hard-boiled school of baby training is gone, once and for all. He can and should be held, played with, and rocked, at appropriate times but without letting him get the impression that one squawk will bring the household running to his bedside.

### Direct Attacks Wrong

When thumb-sucking persists beyond infancy, it is time to become concerned. The infant who drinks his fluids out of a cup instead of sucking them from a bottle or breast, is old enough to stop sucking his thumb. But even then, the habit is not as serious as commonly believed. Dentists are concerned about it because it may deform the mouth and cause the "bite" to be imperfect, especially the front teeth. Pediatricians are concerned about mouth breathing, with its attendant evils of nose and throat disease. Psychiatrists are concerned with the habit because of its possible underlying significance.

Thumb-sucking itself does less harm than do many of the attacks upon it by parents. I say "attacks," because that is just what they are. Hands are slapped, or arms tied behind the

back, or nasty applications made to the thumb, or pacifiers stuffed on, or the child "shamed," humiliated or scolded. Even spankings are not uncommonly tried. All to no avail. The direct attack is wrong, and is doomed to failure.

Thumb-sucking in the older child is a distress signal. The child is unhappy about something. He probably does not reason out the cause of his dissatisfaction, because he may not

even recognize it. It may be a lack of sufficient parental loving; taking for granted that the child is loved instead of letting him see and feel it. Or there may be rightly or wrongly, jealousy of another child, older or younger.

It is not always possible to discover the exact cause, nor is it always necessary. Usually, if the thumb-sucking child is unobtrusively given what he lacks—love, attention, appreciation, a place in the family sun—the matter takes care of itself. Association with other children helps. But scolding, etc., never accomplishes anything.

## EXERCISES FOR A SLIM WAISTLINE

By IDA JEAN KAIN

THE fashion for spring, summer 1954: Skirts are fuller... jackets shorter and snuggler... the waistline unmarked. In fashion circles, "the waistline that isn't there" is termed an honorary waistline and means an unbroken, unbelted line. Fine and streamlining, if your waist is slim and supple. But there's no getting around it, this Princess style can't help but accentuate your bulges.

For several seasons now the fashion trend has been toward the long line, fitted just under the bosom and hugging the silhouette to the top of the hipbones. The charm of this fashion is the smooth, supple flow of the figure... that is, of course, if your figure is slim through the middle measurement.



Exercise for Princess Line...

So with no more bandying words, let's whittle the waist and midriff and get in shape. Stretching, combined with a quarter twist and a side bend, effectively pulls off the girth top roll. First the stretch...

Position: Standing, feet slightly apart, arms down at sides.

Movement: Swing the right arm up as you step back with the right foot, touch toes to floor, and pull the right arm through the middle measurement. Put the

emphasis on pulling up with the front muscles and holding... do not arch small of back. Repeat with the left leg and left arm, again centering the pull through the middle of the figure. Do this 6 to 8 slow counts, alternating sides.

The quarter twist, with a side-bend follow through, gets exercise off the beaten track, directing the action smack through the bulge above the waist.

Position: Standing, feet well apart, arms stretched overhead.

Movement: Twist at the waist, but only a quarter of the way around. Holding the twist, bend to the side-back, pulling smoothly. Then, still holding the quarter twist, bend forward at the same angle... you can feel the fore and aft bulges giving way. Then do a quarter twist at the waist from the other side, and follow by bending side-forward and side-back from that angle. Skip that, twisting exercise if you have a weak lower back.

Finish by arching arms overhead and stretching upwards through the middle... holding the stretch as you bend sideways with a long, slow, smooth action. Repeat 12 times, alternating sides.

That trio of exercises pulls out all bulges from the top of the hipbones through the ribcage... and gives you a fashionable figure for spring styles.

## Feet Blamed For Family Quarrels

Coral Gables

The nation would have more happy marriages if it had more comfortable feet.

So says Mrs. Wilma Miller, a former milliner now operating a health establishment. Mrs. Miller says her big interest is feet, because that is where tension often begins which can upset the entire body.

For happier marriages, she suggests a visit to her foot clinic. She says that many couples keep an argument from exploding. And she says, "If a man is cross and you must share in his mood, you must share in his foot pain." Mrs. Miller says that many couples keep an argument from exploding. And she says, "If a man is cross and you must share in his mood, you must share in his foot pain."

## Carpet Colours Bring Nature Indoors

New York. The outdoors has come indoors in new floor coverings.

Manufacturers of carpets are featuring the colours you see in nature, with the beiges, greys and greens leading the field.

The range of the three shades is broader than ever before. Beige, for instance, ranges from the palest ivory to the deepest of tans. The beige and brown tones carry

such names as honey beige, a golden shade; Viking beige, a pale tan; April oak, a blonde tone; and sandalwood, a medium brown.

Most of the greys have a blue or purple cast to give a warm hue. The greys range from charcoal to the palest pastel.

Most greens are lighter, and many have a yellow cast. One green, called winter green, is almost a chartreuse. Another north sea green, is a blue-green shade. Dune blue is what one

manufacturer calls a carpet the colour of the sky on a summer day.

The Carpet Institute, representing the industry, says that turquoise, pinks ranging from pale to old rose, and the gold tones also are increasing in popularity.

Consumers get a price break in 1954. The Institute says that costs are off sharply and that buyers can expect to pay about \$310 or less a square yard.

Fabrics include all wool, all cotton, all nylon, and blends of wool and rayon, nylon and rayon, and wool and nylon—United Press.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### A Wonderful Blizzard Party

—It Was Given by the Neighbourhood Snow Men—

By MAX TRELL

CHRISTOPHER CRICKET said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names: "How would you like to come to a party with me tonight?"

"A party?" said Hanid. "What kind of a party?"

"And who's giving it?" asked Knarf. "Is it anyone we know?"

### Blizzard Party

Christopher Cricket said: "It's a 'Blizzard Party' and it's being given by the Association of Neighbourhood Snow Men."

Both Knarf and Hanid looked at Christopher Cricket with puzzled expressions. Christopher Cricket just nodded and smiled. "That's the name all right," he repeated. "Association of Neighbourhood Snow Men. And tonight they're giving a 'Blizzard Party.'"

"What's a blizzard party?" asked Knarf.

"I don't know," explained Christopher. "Except that I think it has something to do with blizzards. The party is being held on Sugar Loaf Hill on the other side of the pond. It sounds interesting. I think we all ought to go."

Knarf and Hanid agreed that it might be an interesting party. So they all decided to meet that night outside the cottage, where they lived together on Sugar Loaf Hill for the 'Blizzard Party.'

### Warmly Dressed

That night, Knarf and Hanid and Christopher Cricket, all warmly dressed in heavy coats, hats and gloves, were standing outside the cottage, where they lived together on Sugar Loaf Hill for the 'Blizzard Party.'

It was icy cold, but a bright full moon was shining. "Even the moon seems cold," Christopher Cricket said to Knarf and Hanid, as they walked along.

The road was covered with snow which crunched under their feet. Then they reached the other side of the woods at the foot of Sugar Loaf Hill, and here they saw a curious sight.

From every side came the sound of heavy footsteps, slumping through the snow. "Here they come!" shouted Christopher, Knarf and Hanid looked.

Sure enough, from all four directions, came the Snow Men, big heavy fellows with old hats and big shoes and corn-cob pipes in their mouths, black buttons down their chests.

But they all looked very jolly! "Hello Knarf! Hello Hanid! Hello Christopher Cricket!" all the Snow Men shouted. They carried the two shadows and the cricket on their shoulders.

up to the very top of Sugar Loaf Hill.

Then, just as they reached the top, each one of the Snow Men threw a handful of snow into the air. The snowflakes came dancing down, then whirled up again, then went swirling round and round, sparkling in the moonlight.

### Snow Men's Song

Then the 'Blizzard Party' began! The Snow Men danced round and round, stomping and shouting. They sang: "Snow, snow! Makes us grow! The only one Who makes us run Is the Sun!"

The party lasted until the morning star came out. Then all the Snow Men went back to the front yards and back yards and gardens where they belonged. And Knarf and Hanid and Christopher Cricket went to their own home and, after taking off their heavy coats,



The Shadows and Christopher were dressed in heavy coats.

heavy stockings, mufflers, woolen caps and gloves, they all curled up and went to sleep until it was time to eat breakfast.

The looked out of the window and there they saw their own Snow Man. He stood very still. He didn't say a word. But when Knarf and Hanid and Christopher Cricket were sure they saw him wink.

## Rupert and the Lost Cuckoo—11



### A new story

Rupert and the Space Ship







## Big-Money Tours Still Tempt 'Little Mo'

This will be Maureen (Little Mo) Connolly's last Wimbledon. She is getting married next January. Then she and husband-to-be, Norman Brinker, plan to run a ranch for paying guests in California.

Unless she decides to turn professional, which is still only a possibility, this will be the last season of big-time tennis for the blonde bomb-shell who has been bracketed with all-time greats, Suzanne Lenglen, Helen Wills Moody and Alice Marble.

Maureen, 20 next 8 p.m., beat her in the leaves San Diego, where she lives with her mother, this week-end for various Continental engagements before she plays in English tournaments.

It is regarded here as a certainty that she will win the singles championship for the third successive year. Said Helen Jacobs, former champion, here: "I think she is unbeatable at present."

### LOST IN MARCH

Nevertheless, she did lose a tournament in mid-March when red-headed Beverly Fletcher, anti-dextrous and comparatively

unknown, beat her in the 1st round of the Los Angeles tournament in California.

But "Little Mo" usually drops one tournament each season, and this was her lapse for 1954. It is said in Californian tennis circles.

She is expected to return to America for a series of Eastern U.S. tournaments culminating in the American National championship at Forest Hills, which she is expected to win for the fourth successive time.

### REST PERIOD

Maureen took her customary two-month rest period last November and December, and in January started serious preparation for the new season.

She is having a daily one-hour practice with professional player Lester Stiefen, who won the Wimbledon men's doubles in 1934. They are concentrating on volleys and serving.

In addition to tennis, Maureen has two other loves—Norman Brinker, her fiance, and horses. In Honolulu she has just had a reunion with Brinker, who is a naval officer. They met first at a San Diego riding school. He was a member of the 1952 Olympic equestrian team.

### DAILY RIDE

Every day, when at home, Maureen rides her 10-year-old white show horse, Colonel Merrybly, which her home town gave her after winning her first Wimbledon. She has ridden him in many shows.

Despite tennis expense accounts, income from her local paper column, TV and radio appearances, Maureen is not rich, nor is her bridegroom-to-be. So the lure of big-money professional tours remains tempting.

(London Express Service)

## Ambler II Tops Epsom Betting

London, May 4. Sir Percy Loraine's colt Darius, promoted Derby favourite by bookmakers after his Two Thousand Guineas win last week, quickly lost his position at last night's Victoria Club callover here on the Epsom classic.

American-bred Ambler II heads the betting at 6-1, with Darius at 13-2. Ambler, who is unbeaten, was Derby favourite bet the Two Thousand Guineas was run, when Darius was 100-6.

The French colt, Ferriol, runner-up in the Guineas, is third favourite at 8-1.

Most betting last night concerned South African Mr Jack Gerber's colt Hy Thunder, who runs in the Chester Chase today.

He was supported to win £10,000, and closed at 100-9. Two others in demand were Arabian Night and B'ie Sail, Arabian Night, backed for £2,000, wound up at 100-6.

Irish-bred Blue Sail, whom American jockey Johnny Longden may ride, had supporters for £1,000 and closed at the same odds.

After his poor showing in the Guineas, the Queen's colt Landau drifted to 40-1.

Closing offers were: 6-1 Ambler II, 13-2 Darius, 8-1 Ferriol, 100-9 Hy Thunder, 100-3 Rowston Manor, 100-7 Elope, 200-6 Blue Sail, 200-1 Arabian Night, 200-1 Court Splendour, Infatuation and Dandelot, 25-1 Lets Fly 28-1 Moonlight Express—China Mail Special.

## CHESTER VASE PROBABLES

London, May 3. Seven probabilities and jockeys for the Chester Vase to be run over one-mile five furlongs and 75 yards at 1414 GMT at Chester tomorrow are: Wylve Valley (D. Smith), Prescripdon (E. Mercer), By-Thunder (W. Snath), Phenomenal (E. Hilde), Guille (J. Egan), Dignos (W. Swinburn) and Blue Rod (D. Greening).—China Mail Special.

## KRISHAN WINS

Rome, May 3. India's Krishan beat Fanfan of Italy 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2 in one of the only two first round matches of the Rome international tennis championships completed here today before rain stopped play.

Sweden's Davidson defeated Stern of the United States 6-2, 6-2 and 6-1. France-Press.

## Caught By The Pants



The Rugby League Cup competition final tie at Wembley Stadium between Halifax and Warring resulted in a draw, each side scoring four points. The replay will be held at Bradford tomorrow. Catching him by the pants, J. Cahlinor (Warring) dives at K. Dean (Halifax) during a run down the field.

## HAROLD MAYES TALKING SPORT

# World Cup Chance Lost By Dithering

Not so long ago more than 450 referees, officials, Soccer players and youngsters from schools in Kent heard Walter Winterbottom, F.A. director of coaching and England team manager, forecast a period of supremacy for the Hungarians "for some time to come."

That was Walter making a frank appraisal of the situation as he finds it and, in the light of recent events, qualifying as a very sound prophet.

In the course of his remarks, recorded in the current issue of The Football Referee, the England international chief said that too much was made of the idea that to have a good international side a number of players would have to be gathered to play regularly together.

It was his opinion that, provided you had really skilled players, they would always blend with one another.

That, I fear, was Walter anticipating what he was like to get as England team material as a result of selectorial dithering. Whether it was or not, that's exactly what he has got for one of the most important of all spring tours, to Yugoslavia and Hungary, with a World Cup campaign to follow.

Almost four years have been allowed to slip by since England suffered the humiliation of being beaten by the United States in South America and being relegated to the status of an also-ran in world Soccer affairs.

The final blow in a not-so-happy record against overseas teams in the period when followed, the period when everything was going to be done to put the old country back on the map, was the Hungarian humbling at Wembley last November.

Everything was going to be all right. All the lessons, paid for so dearly in the hard school of experience, were going to be heeded. So we were told.

How well they've been heeded can be gathered from the fact that England is further away from having a settled team now than it was with the ending of the Lawton-Carter brigade before the last World Cup tourney.

You don't believe it? Then how is it that the selectors have so far issued three lists of names, and the nearest they can get to choosing the best eleven is to offer a string of 40 names.

Let us just look at some of the results of their labours. Against Hungary, only two England players really looked the part—Harry Johnston and Stanley Matthews. Both have since been shunned. Not-so-hot in that game, like skipper Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson.

## Home Soccer Results

London, May 3. The following were the results of Association Football matches played today:

Glasgow Charity Cup semi-finals

Rangers 2 Queens P. 0 Parlick T. 1 Third L. 1 (Third Lanark won on the toss of a coin).

They will meet Rangers in the final at Hampden Park, Glasgow next Saturday, May 8. —Hawley.

non, George Robb and Jackie Sewell, are all in the "famous forty."

Practically every wing-half in football regards Len Shackleton as the greatest inside forward in the game. Are they all wrong, or doesn't Shack really rate?

Peter Broadbent was a success, and West Bromwich's Johnny Nicholls a failure for young England at Bologna. Peter's scheming has had a lot to do with Wolves' championship success. Does any one seriously suggest that he is inferior to Nicholls?

Goal-scoring inside forwards are England's direct need, Leicester's Arthur Rowley has collected 153 in four seasons. Have the selectors never heard of him, or watched him?

Since the original list of 32 was issued, Ted Ditchburn, Harry Clarke, Ray Barlow, Billy Eckersley, Brian Pilkington and Don Revie have been deleted. Has an odd League game or two since April 7 changed the potential of these players as World Cup men so greatly?

HAVE THEY HEARD?

Not so long ago the F.A. picked Hull City's goalkeeper as a travelling reserve—at a time when he had a broken arm. Now they've named West Bromwich full-back Stan Richaby, yet my information is that it will take him all his time to be fit for the opening of next season, let alone for Switzerland in June.

Nat Loftthouse has never played a bad game for England. In fact, he's been the face-saver many times—remember Yugoslavia and Austria? Yet he was included only with the after-thoughts.

Yet a number whose form for their country has been of the in-and-out variety were named originally and named almost automatically in the second list.

Obviously, we are supposed to believe that the 40 have been chosen strictly with an eye to current form. But can anyone really swallow that when a number of them come from teams who aren't exactly being showered with honours as the League campaign ends.

When some players can play badly for their country and still be looked upon with favour and some who've never had a bad England match are on the outside looking in the selectorial mind is something which becomes unfathomable.

One of the real reasons for England failures in the past four years has been the fact that there's never been anything looking like a settled team. Too often players have failed to give of their best in a particular game because it has been apparent that they've been thinking more about whether they'll do anything wrong to lose their place, subsequently, rather than doing something right to

## SPORTS SURVEY

By "All-Rounder"

"BOBBIES" UPSET THE ODDS... The sporting record of the Sunderland Police Force is in keeping with a force of fine tradition and achievement.

In its half century of operation the Borough Police Recreation Club has built up a reputation that has reached most parts of the country for producing stars in nearly every type of competition. In five seasons they were four times double winners of both the Northern Police League's soccer championship trophy and challenge cup, having altogether been League Champions 14 times and cupholders nine times, and twice winning the Durham Mid-week Cup.

In the present side is police international Charles Miller, and one or two others are in the running for caps. The cricket club are four times winners of the Northern Police Challenge Cup and one-time Northern Police League champions. Their gala is one of the highlights of the local swimming season, and the club's huge display cupboard is always having to be re-arranged to make room for some new sporting trophy or other.

Unique distinction is that the soccer team is the only police eleven involuntarily to have featured on a football coupon. Once North-East bookmakers wanted to put out a mid-week football betting coupon for a day of many F. A. Cup replays.

There were 13 games, and in order to eliminate superstition, the "bookies" added the Sunderland Police Durham Mid-week Cup game against Crook. It was more than a help to the layers, for the "bobbies" beat Crook, the best home "banker" on the coupon, and gave backers one of the blackest days of the season.

NAYS HE OWNS 'LINCOLN' "CERT" Money from all quarters—the sort known to bookmakers as "inspired"—continues to pour in from backers of Monsieur Jay, the four-year-old whose owner, Manchester raincoat manufacturer William Salford says is a "cert" for the Lincolnshire Handicap.

Tragedy lies behind the name of the horse, for Jay was the Christian name of a very dear friend of Mr Salford who was killed in a car crash on the way to a race-meeting.

Apart from his many business interests, horses are the real love of Mr Salford, whose only regret is that at 13½-stone he is too heavy to fulfil his great ambition to ride as an amateur jockey.

He has 12 horses in training at Epsom and some promising youngsters at his stud farm in Surrey. Among them is a yearling that may well win the 1956 Derby. Castlemarina is the name and, according to Mr Salford, the horse has all the looks of a first-class classic candidate and even now is worth a good five thousand guineas.

RIFLE CLUBS HIT

Members of Britain's many private rifle clubs are feeling the pinch of rising costs of equipment which is adversely affecting membership strength.

Roughly speaking, every time a member pulls the trigger it costs one penny three farthings. Weapons and competition charges are also dearer, and small clubs are really feeling it. At one time they used to sell ammunition to members, adding a copper or two to the price to assist club funds.

Today the prices are such that they cannot do it. Many clubs have had to cut out competitions and restrict activities to a little more than personal practice. The best ammunition now costs 15s. per 100 rounds, which is preferred by the majority seeking accuracy to the cheaper variety.

Although on an ordinary match night a marksman will use only a dozen rounds, he might blaze off as many as fifty bullets in one evening to reach a standard of efficiency. Now he is finding this much too expensive and club membership is dwindling in consequence.

CAPTAIN HARRY COMES BACK... After a gap of sixteen years, Captain R.C. Harry, who retired in August from the position of Director of Royal Navy physical training, is to fence for England again. He is included in England's team to meet Scotland, Wales and Ireland in a four-sided tournament at Edinburgh on April 24. A fit and sprightly 55, Captain Harry first fenced for England in 1937 on completion of a distinguished career as a Rugby footballer. In 1934, he captained United Services, Portsmouth, Hampshire (when they won the County Championship), the Royal Navy, and the almost legendary Barbarian team of that period. He has been seven champion of the Royal Navy eight times, in 1932, 1933, 1937, 1940, 1949, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

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The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.  
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# Was Korean Armistice Right Or Wrong?

New York, May 3.

The United Nations rejected "total victory" as a solution to the problem of Korea. This new approach to settlement of international dispute has yet to be proved right or wrong, said United Press correspondent Rutherford Poats in a new book on the Korean war.

Two former United Nations commanders—General Douglas MacArthur and General Mark Clark—have had grave misgivings over the United Nations decision to call off the fighting short of beating the Communists on the battlefield. Others have bluntly called it a soft policy of appeasement.

The opposing argument is that the Korean armistice was a real contribution to world peace. This point is given convincing support in a new book, "Decision in Korea," published by McBride, written by an American correspondent who covered the conflict from start to finish.

Rutherford M. Poats was sent from Tokyo to the front by the United Press three days after the North Koreans crossed the 38th Parallel into South Korea on June 25, 1950. He covered the entire war, on the peninsula and from the United Nations headquarters in Japan.

When the shooting was over, he considered the armistice terms "in large measure" a victory for the United States and its allies. "Decision in Korea" is an unofficial history of the Korean war. It covers in authentic detail the action from the first surprise shot to the joyous armistice signing more than three

years later. It retells, from an insider's illuminating viewpoint, the story of the Pusan beachhead days when United Nations forces held on by a thread, of the brilliant Inchon landing that turned the tide against the Reds, of the Chinese Communist entry and the United Nations' winter retreat, of the Allied recovery, and, finally, of the stalemate during the long haggling over truce terms.

## WILL FOR PEACE

"In rejecting the 'total victory' course," he concludes, "we had demonstrated a will for peace and a high sense of responsibility for averting atomic war. We had shown that we meant it when we said we sought peace and opposed the use of war to settle international disputes."

"We had strengthened our claims to moral leadership in the eyes of millions of Europeans and Asians who had viewed the United States with distrust. In this frequently damned policy of limited war, we may have done more to achieve our ultimate objectives of free world solidarity and peace than we could have accomplished in a successful offensive to the Yalu River."

Who gained more from the Korean war—the United Nations or the Communists?

Poats sums it up this way: The Communists failed to conquer South Korea. The United Nations failed to destroy the aggressors or to unify Korea. But the United Nations succeeded in halting aggression and in saving the Republic of Korea.

—United Press.

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Intrigue is set aside and love takes over for Ginger Rogers in this scene from her first British film, aptly named 'Beautiful Stranger', in which she co-stars with her own husband, Jacques Berenger. The Marksmen film, story of love and intrigue on the French Riviera, is produced by David Miller at Shepperton Studios, Middlesex.—Reuterphoto.

## Just Where Is Japan Heading?

Tokyo, May 3.

Japan has entered her third year of post-occupation independence, with her military defeat past history and a new armed force being created.

Much has been recovered from the ruins of 1945, but economic difficulties remain. Many domestic changes have taken place since the San Francisco Peace Treaty came into effect two years ago.

The Korean war and re-armament have coloured the economic and political thinking of the Government and people, and changed Japan's place in the world.

The Government has led the country towards rearmament in spite of a constitution which renounces war and stipulates that Japan will never be maintained. In the administrative field, the Government has weakened or abolished many Occupation-period reforms, despite widespread opposition from the press and general public. The Government has given its approval to the re-establishment of the big pre-war business combines, the *zaibatsu*. It intends to place control of the country's police forces in the hands of a Police Minister to be appointed by the Prime Minister. It has deprived civil servants and employees of "seniority" industries of the right to strike, and has plans for reducing the political activities of school teachers.

Many Japanese fear that Mr Yoshida is laying the groundwork for return of the highly-centralised pre-war form of government in Japan. Critics say that if military or other extremists enter the Government, they will find a ready-made instrument for controlling the nation and establishing a dictatorship.

The most criticised Government measure is its plan to abolish locally-controlled police forces established during the Occupation. Opponents of the plan say that such a step would put too much power into the hands of the Prime Minister and the Police Minister—power which an unscrupulous Minister could use to his own ends.

**Gloomy Picture**

Japanese themselves enter their third year of post-war independence facing a gloomy picture of inflation, a business depression and the threat of mass unemployment.

Economic experts say that Japan is losing valuable American military orders to other nations because domestic inflation and high production costs make her goods too expensive.

Critics say that an "austerity" budget drafted by Mr Yoshida's Government to curb inflation in the 1954-55 fiscal year should have been applied long ago. Now it is feared that instead of decreasing domestic prices and thus increasing the export trade, Mr Yoshida's budget will create further inflation, aggravated by shortages of consumer goods and market speculators.

Opposition members in the Diet (Parliament) declare that the Government and Japan's industrial leaders should have used profits made during the Korean war boom to put the country's economy on a sound footing. Instead, they say, the Government stood aside while money was spent on building cabarets, luxury buildings and on importing costly motorcars, refrigerators and other consumer goods.

Today, Japanese businessmen find themselves competing in a world market with more sellers than buyers, and at prices often 10 to 20 per cent above world price levels.

**Discharging Workers**

The shipbuilding industry like many others in Japan before the war, thrived because of low production costs. Today, the industry can only compete with Britain and West Germany by selling at prices below the cost of production, or by extending long term credits. The industry itself cannot even pay interest on bank loans without Government assistance.

The shipbuilding, shipping, coal and steel industries, facing a bad business year as a result of "austerity" cuts in Government subsidies, are discharging workers.

Civil servants are also threatened with "austerity" measures.

The Communists and extreme right-wing ultra-nationalists are expected to take advantage of Japan's economic ills to further their own ends.

The Communists, who discredited themselves with the majority of Japanese by leading a series of violent attacks against police and foreigners in 1951 and early 1952, have been slowly recovering lost ground. Membership has risen from 45,000 in March 1952 to about 10,000 today.

Scores of ultra-nationalist organizations which were underground during the Occupation, have since 1952 have been slowly re-emerging. They are attempting to amalgamate with the Communist Party, and the ultra-nationalist groups.

For the time being the young pioneers are being treated like heroes. If their pioneering efforts succeed, and the new colonization is established, they may find one day that they are the first generation of a new species of State.

**Hardship Money**

These 32 million acres are to be farmed by the new State farms set up where no collective has ever existed. The members of the farms will be State employees.

At first they will have preferential treatment—a kind of hardship money. But in due course, according to plan, they will be settled into organized townships which bear on paper a close resemblance to the notorious "gerritowns" which Khrushchev tried to force on the unwilling Russian peasants some years ago, in an attempt to lighten the regimentation of the villages.

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Imposing plans have been drawn up for model settlements, but no attempt is being made to hide how rough conditions are to begin with.

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Now, They Say, It's Not A "Turning Point"

### US Economy May Have Moved On To A "Plateau"

New York, May 3.

Improved steel prospects, favourable earnings and dividend reports by leading American corporations, commodity bullishness, along with a resurgence of official confidence in the economic future, set the pattern for US business last week.

While the stock market behaviour last week has been indecisive, commodities surged ahead, under Indo-China war fears.

Commodities responded to Far East pressures. In Monday's trading, for instance, there were strong movements in rubbers, cotton, metals, wool, sugar, coffee and some soybeans contracts moved their permissible limits.

The Dow-Jones futures index for the day jumped 2 7/8 to 170.74. This was the greatest single session gain since 1949. Spot commodities edged higher by 2 1/2 points to 191.02 for the best advance since February 23.

Steel—generally considered the key to industrial prospects—turned bullish in part on an optimistic forecast by Mr. Edgar F. Snider, Chairman of the US Steel Corporation. He told stockholders last week that new steel orders were pending as compared with the past several months, and predicted that industry demand would grow between 20 and 25 per cent of capacity in the second quarter.

US Steel—accounting for 31 per cent of the industry—will capacity of 124,000 tons a year—a new operating at 70 per cent of its rated capacity.

April steel buying has improved over March, and there appears to be a growing conviction that the long-awaited inventory correction has reached its end and that new orders will pick up from now.

Farm equipment makers are more active now, construction and oil industry steel requirements continued strong, and optimistic forecast by Mr. Fairless at this time generally implied a strong tone to prevailing steel sentiment.

**STRONGER TONE**

Some support to this theory stems from which in the past have frequently reflected the trend in steel. The steel scrap composite price as compiled by Iron Age, metal-working publication, moved higher to 50 cents a ton to \$28.17 last week. The Magazine said the tone of the market last week was

### Thailand's Rice Prices May Fall Lower

Bangkok, May 3.

Thailand may be forced to lower the price of export rice to its lowest level since World War II, commercial sources said today if rice exports continue to dwindle at the present rate.

The export of rice from Thailand is now at its lowest level in five years with gloomy prospects of even lower international sales in coming months, the sources said.

The sources reported that Vietnam recently signed a contract for the sale of rice to South Africa at a vastly reduced price which may have the effect of further depressing rice prices not only in Thailand but in other rice surplus areas.

The sources estimated that up to the end of April Thailand exported a total of 325,000 tons compared with 442,000 tons for the comparable period from January to April 1953. Exports for corresponding periods in other years were: 1952, 470,000 tons; 1951, 600,000 tons; and 1950, 500,000 tons.

There appear to be no prospects at present for new sales contracts for Government rice, the sources added. It is hoped, however, that formerly full stocks of rice in importing countries shall become depleted later this year.

Importing countries will nevertheless bide their time before buying more rice and will be looking for lower prices which, in turn, will mean heightened competition for rice sales between rice exporting countries, the sources observed.

—United Press.

### Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 3.

Stock trading in the Singapore market last week showed uncertainty as business circles speculated about the outcome of the Indo-China war and the East-West talks in Geneva.

stronger, and warehouse demand, which had been "flat on its back," has picked up noticeably.

Meanwhile, other segments of the American economy reported a pick-up in orders last in mid-March. Journal surveys noted that while the trend was not general, a growing number of manufacturers of a large variety of goods reported new order improvement. The National Association of Purchasing Agents also noted that for the second month in succession, more companies reported gains in production and incoming orders than declines. It said 43 per cent experienced new orders gains, while 33 per cent reported production gains.

Meanwhile, major American corporations continue to publish their first quarter earnings reports.

Many showed that sales have dropped more than profits, reflecting more liberalised tax depreciation and profit tax situation. Certain selective stocks, showing favourable dividend and earnings positions, continue to attract investor attention. Many attribute the seven-month long stock market boom to investor confidence, although some market analysts caution that the market might be due for a correction.

Meanwhile, business leaders attending the convention of the Chamber of Commerce in Washington heard the assurance that business was actually improving. Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Lathrop Tetter, said the nation was just about ready for another business advance.

### TWO TO FIVE YEARS

Another Government official, Mr. A. L. Mills, of the Federal Reserve Board, noted "increasing evidence" of business improvement. Two private economists, however, disagreed as to when the pick-up might set in. Mr. Walter E. Hoodley, of the Armstrong Cork Co., said the American economy would face its test in the next two to five years, and that the recovery in the next few months should not be accepted as the end of a general post-war adjustment and the beginning of a new boom.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Mr. William Martin Jr., told a press conference that he was "cautiously optimistic" about the business future, and that the groundwork was being laid for sustained prosperity.

Elsewhere last week, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George M. Humphrey, and President Eisenhower's economic adviser, Mr. Arthur F. Burns, also gave assurance that the economy appeared to be stabilising.

The authoritative monthly review issued by the Guaranty Trust Company, while noting certain indications of a business improvement, was cautious about the future, emphasizing that the second quarter performance should clarify the outlook considerably. Recent business statistics appear to show that business is leading to stabilize, it said. Rates of decline in some segments of the economy appear to be levelling off, it added.

It observed: "But while the business picture can properly be characterised as more favourable than it was a few months ago, there is no basis as yet for a confident expectation of an immediate sharp upturn. Signs of actual revival are still scattered, suggesting that the situation at which we have arrived may more appropriately be termed a 'plateau' than a 'turning point'."

Measures of aggregate business activity have fluctuated within narrow limits recently. In the latter part of 1953, it said, and it is this development particularly which suggests that the American economy may have moved on to a plateau.—United Press.

### Coloured Umbrellas For Men

Dusseldorf, May 3.

German umbrella manufacturers are trying to tempt men with coloured umbrellas.

Besides the traditional black there will be grey, brown, blue, green and even check patterns.

Manufacturers are planning a propaganda campaign, for which they hope to enlist film stars, to make German men drop their usual reluctance to be seen with an umbrella.—China Mail Special.

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$544,200.50. Noon quotation and the morning's dealings:

#### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	Bank	1000	20	1000
HSK	Bank	1000	20 <td>1000</td>	1000
East Asia	100	10	100	100

INSURANCE	Union	1000	10	1000
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London	1000	10	1000	1000

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Sheaffer's  
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Chip On His Shoulder

JAMES is a tall, hefty-built young man, whom at a guess you would judge to be in his mid-twenties. But in fact on the day of this, his second appearance at Bow Street, he was still three days short of reaching his 17th birthday.

So instead of standing in the dock, he stood before it on his knees, and instead of being on his own, he had his mother standing by his side.

A week before, James and a rather older young man had been found guilty of hanging about the West End trying to steal from parked cars. The care of James' colleague had been dismissed, but James had been remanded so that it might be found out what could be said in his favour.

Now, as he came up for the second time, a probation officer went into the witness-box to tell the magistrate, Mr R. H. Blundell, what had been learned about James.

#### THE BATHROOM NO

"THIS young man, before coming to London," said the probation officer, "lived with his mother at a resort in the South-west. There he earned his living by doing odd jobs along the beach. He came up to London and lived in a hostel. The warden of the hostel made this report upon him:—

"He handled the magistrate a sheet of foolscap which Mr. Blundell carefully read through. 'The mother has come to live in London now,' said the probation officer, 'and she says that she could put up her son in the single room she has. Alternatively she says he could sleep in the bathroom. I don't think either would be very satisfactory.'

"Oh, quite impossible," said the magistrate.

#### HIGHLY-STRUNG

PICKING up the hostel warden's report, Mr. Blundell began to read it out aloud, rapidly as it spelt the feelings of James' mother.

"I says here," he said, "We found him shockingly hostile, and a bully. We had a unanimous request from the members of his House for his removal something I have not known to happen before. In view of that we felt the only thing we could do was to remove him."

James' mother bridled at the hard words used of her son. "It was the first time he'd ever been away from home," she said, angrily.

"I know he is very highly strung, and he has told me the hostel boys were very bad. That's why I've come to London."

#### BORSTAL REPORT

"WHAT do you mean by 'highly strung'?" the magistrate asked her.

"The hostel boys were very bad, he told me that," James' mother said, ignoring the question. She was a plump woman, neatly dressed in a two-piece suit. "That's why I've come to London," she said. "Now if you were to get him into another hostel, where he could live, I could give him meals, and do his mending and washing."

"Having regard to what the warden has said," said Mr. Blundell, "I shall remand him in custody for a report on his suitability for Borstal."

James' mother snorted. Her son pushed past her roughly, saying, "Scuse me," as he thrust her aside.

#### AN EXPLANATION?

THAT was the end of the case. This, perhaps, should be added. James' mother is English. Her husband, his father, was coloured, and he takes after his father in that respect.

When the pair had gone, I found myself admiring her for her stout championship of her son, however far-fetched and unreasonable it may have been.

And also I thought how easily explicable it was for James to wear the outside chip on his shoulder that made him such a bully.

### FAIL TO REACH A VERDICT

Washington, May 3. An eight-man Army tribunal failed after more than five hours of deliberation to reach a verdict today in the court-martial of Capt. Edward S. Dickenson. It recessed until tomorrow. —United Press.

## THE SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE

### Favourable Unofficial US Reactions

Washington, May 3. American sources said today that the recently-concluded South Asian Prime Ministers' conference in Ceylon demonstrated clearly the intention of the small nations in that area to weigh international issues fairly and carefully and not accept blindly the leadership of any one man or camp.

There was no formal State Department or White House comment. However, officials privately said they felt the final conference communiqué, which warned against the machinations of "Communist, anti-Communist and other agencies" in their area, was a good compromise.

American officials have made no secret of the fact that they believed the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, is wrong in not recognizing that imperialism is a greater danger to his area than the declining colonialism to which he devotes most of his attention.

There has been some concern in official quarters here that the conference, following Mr. Nehru's lead, would simply go onward with a blanket condemnation of colonialism and make no mention of the Communist threat which the United States believes to be the greatest menace to that area.

It had been expected that the Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, and Ceylon's Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, would resist Mr. Nehru on this point. However, the action of Prime Minister Nu of Burma in insisting, along with Ceylon and Pakistan, on an anti-Communist clause in the communiqué was somewhat of a surprise.

### Dulles' Diplomatic Failure

Washington, May 4. While positive results by US Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles may have achieved at the Geneva conference, he failed badly at the Asian talks in the eyes of American commentators here who termed it a major disaster for American diplomacy.

One commentator even went as far as to say that Mr. Dulles will resign.

This, however, has been categorically denied in official quarters.

Mr. Dulles is due back here tomorrow night and returns at a time when the outcome of the Dien Bien Phu battle may soon demolish the strong line which the Americans wanted the Western side to take.

Indicative of the present trend, in the opinion of these commentators, is Senator William Knowland's urgent call for a South-East Asia defense alliance which the Republican majority wants with or without British support.

Mr. Dulles will probably be consulted on this.

In the meantime, he was said to have been very surprised in Geneva when he heard President Eisenhower's statement last Thursday to the effect that one cannot hope for an entire satisfactory solution to the Indo-China problem.

Observers here pointed out that the Dien Bien Phu battle has already shown that the modern military techniques of the US cannot be used against an adversary who is in a position to impose chaotic conditions of war.

American military commentators said that the Dien Bien Phu battle has proved the need of a new look in American military strategy. —France-Press.

### No Exchange Of Wounded

Paris, May 3. French troops defending the shrunken perimeter at Dien Bien Phu today made an unsuccessful attempt to exchange wounded prisoners, the official communiqué from the French High Command in Hanoi announced here today.

The news was contained in the opening sentence of the communiqué, which said: "Today all was calm at Dien Bien Phu and the only event was an attempt which failed to exchange wounded prisoners."

There was no other reference to the attempted exchange in the rest of the communiqué. —Reuter.

#### NURSE HONOURED

Hanoi, May 3. Nurse Genevieve Degalard, the only woman in the beleaguered north Vietnamese garrison of Dien Bien Phu, has been awarded the Legion of Honour, one of France's highest awards. It was officially learned today. —Reuter.

## Spectacular Royal Tour Scene



### Saw 10,000 Prisoners Executed By Russians

Chicago, May 3. A black-hooded witness told a Congressional Committee today he saw Russian police slay 10,000 prisoners in a concentration camp when German troops threatened to overrun it in 1941.

The witness was a Pole whose identity was protected because his family still lives in Poland. He said he was arrested in the town of Lvov, charged with espionage and sent to the Russian concentration camp in Eastern Poland.

He told the House committee on Communist aggression, headed by Rep. Charles J. Kersten (R-Wis.), that when German troops approached the camp the Russian NKVD (secret police) began a systematic extermination of prisoners.

The witness said that of more than 10,000 prisoners only a "handful" were left. He said he and others spent three weeks collecting bodies of the dead.

Earlier, three pretty Polish sisters told how the Russians packed them and their parents off to Siberia in a sealed cattle car without sanitary facilities or water. They said three other persons died in the car during the three-week trip from Poland to Siberia in 1940.

Mary Glibala did most of the talking, since she was nine years old and the eldest when the Siberia trip took place.

She said the Russian secret police roused them out of bed in the Polish town of Litvinka in February, 1940, and herded the four sisters, their mother and father and a 2 1/2-year-old brother to the train.

They were taken to a labour camp at Ushuaia in Siberia, where the sisters said 40 persons were crowded into four-room huts, 10 to a room. Mary said their parents worked in the labour camp while the three oldest sisters went to school.

"We are taught there is no God and our religious medals were taken away," Mary said. "We were not allowed to pray or sing religious songs."

She said that one Christmas the school children were forced to stage a Yuletide play in which one boy "prayed" to God for candy and gifts. When none were forthcoming, the boy was told to "pray" to Stalin and the teachers then produced the sweets and presents.

The family was released in 1945 and sent to Persia on a Russian-guarded train. The sisters said there was no food on the trip and their young brother died for lack of nourishment and his body was thrown off the train. —United Press.

### Optimism & Pessimism At Geneva

Geneva, May 3. The Geneva conference portrays successively bright optimism and the blackest pessimism, both developing in unexpected rapidity.

On the Korean question, both sides got down to more solid work in secret sessions among a limited number of delegates.

In the plenary session yesterday, South and North Korean delegates banded hard and most observers think that nothing can be achieved in Geneva on the question of Korea.

However, this is not a certainty and British Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden is making every effort to make a compromise possible.

So far, he has refused to define clearly his country's position. The second part of the conference concerns Indo-China, and after a good start last week, it bogged down over the French request for a truce to evacuate Dien Bien Phu wounded and over Vietnam's hesitations over attending the talks.

SPADEWORK COMPLETED

But it is certain that the conference on Indo-China will take place in a few days' time, for already the spadework has been done.

This morning, Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Quoc Dinh was received by the French, British and U.S. Foreign Ministers.

He informed them officially that his country will be represented by a delegate who will sit at the same table with the Vietnamese delegate. Immediately after this, invitations were sent to the Vietnamese by the Soviet Union and Communist China and to Vietnam by France, Britain and the US.

Laos and Cambodia were invited by France alone.

Each side has been readying plans for the meeting, and both sides have been making preliminary contacts which they deemed useful, and even the Powers not invited to the conference on Indo-China have been doing their best to bring about a solution of the Indo-China problem. —France-Press.

### RADIATION VICTIMS SUE GOVT.

Los Angeles, May 3. A man and a woman sued the Federal government for \$200,000 today on the grounds that they suffered serious radiation injuries as a result of the atomic tests in Nevada.

The complainants are Mrs. Elma Mackelprang of San Bernardino, California, and Dorey A. Horst of Mesquite, Nevada.

The injuries were suffered during the test period from March 17 to May 25, 1953, while Mrs. Mackelprang lived in Hamblin Valley, Utah, and Horst was passing the test area almost daily while driving to work at Apex, Nevada, their attorney said.

Horst suffered nausea, lost all of his hair and has been under medical care since the tests. Mrs. Mackelprang lost her fingernails, much of her hair, and was sent to hospital as a result.

The suit seeks \$100,000 damages for each and all medical expenses. —United Press.

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The meeting was held in the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill's private room in the House of Commons. The only notable absentee apart from Mr. Eden was the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, represented Mr. Eden. —France-Press.

### Falconer Petition Adjourned

The Falconer winding-up petition was adjourned sine die this morning as the result of an agreement between the parties. The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gould, congratulated Counsel who had worked for the settlement.

The agreement provides that Mr. Justice Gould should value the shareholding of the petitioner, Mr. James J. King, taking into consideration all matters necessary to arrive at a fair and proper value, and that Mr. J. B. Ipekjdian should buy the shares at such value.

Mr. Justice Gould's decision on the valuation will be delivered in open court.

The petition was adjourned last week because the Acting Chief Justice was not satisfied that the parties had sufficiently clarified the position relating to two civil actions in one of which Mr. King is plaintiff and Mr. Ipekjdian defendant and in the other Falconer is plaintiff and Mr. King defendant.

It has now been decided that these civil actions be stayed until the valuation and then continued.

### Escapes The Death Chair

Manila, May 4. The first woman sentenced to die in the electric chair under the revised Kidnapping Act yesterday won a lease on life yesterday when the Supreme Court commuted her sentence to life imprisonment by one vote.

The high tribunal reviewing the death verdict of Carmen Licop failed to sustain the decision of the Court of First Instance for want of a single vote.

Eight votes are necessary to back the execution of the death sentence.

Carmen Licop was sentenced to death during the peak of widespread indignation against white slave traffickers in 1952.

She was found guilty of kidnapping Nella Ramirez, an 18-year-old working girl and attempting to force the latter into prostitution. —France-Press.

### UNNECESSARY TOOTING

A driver who sounded his car horn unnecessarily on April 6 while driving along Laichikok Road was summoned by the Police and fined \$5 by Mr. J. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning.

His reason for tooting the car horn was to summon a friend living in house 294 Laichikok Road.

Defendant, Chan Cho-wing, of 185 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, pleaded guilty to the charge.

### NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN

Washington, May 3. The State Department today announced that agreement had been reached with the Government of Japan to start negotiations for the settlement of economic aid rendered to Japan during the Occupation.

Talks would begin in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo on May 11, the Department said.

It was learned that between the end of the war and the signing of the Japanese peace treaty in April, 1952, United States economic aid to Japan totalled about two thousand million dollars. —Reuter.

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### Anniversary Observed

In observance of the anniversary of the end of the war in Europe in 1945, and in commemoration of the War Dead, flags of the Netherlands Consulate-General in Hongkong and those of Netherlands business houses will be flown at half-mast from 6 a.m. until sunset today.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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TUESDAY, MAY 4

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

By Air
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 2 p.m.
By Air
Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Burma, 2 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, France, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

By Air
India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.

### Radio Hongkong

K.K. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6:03, Melody with the Stars; 6:30, BBC Bandstand; 7:00, Melody with the Stars; 7:30, Melody with the Stars; 8:00, Melody with the Stars; 8:30, Melody with the Stars; 9:00, Melody with the Stars; 9:30, Melody with the Stars; 10:00, Melody with the Stars; 10:30, Melody with the Stars; 11:00, Melody with the Stars; 11:30, Close Down.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Could you come a little early? My husband likes to see how the baby sister handles her problem before we leave!"

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